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Dear Mme Laberge,

By way of this letter, I would like to bring to your attention a matter related to runway access by business aviation at Montréal-Pierre Elliot Trudeau International Airport. We understand that the airport is planning to restrict access by business aircraft during runway rehabilitation between Sept 3rd 2019 and Dec 13th 2019. I am writing to you on behalf of our Québec membership to suggest that this action would not only cause unnecessary hardship to Québec-based corporations but to its standing as a regional business hub.

First and foremost, business aircraft activity at Montréal-Trudeau directly serves the needs of Québec and its residents.

Many of Québec's largest aviation and aerospace corporations, including Bombardier, CAE and Lockheed Martin are located at or near Montréal-Trudeau. They are just a few of the many corporations that maximize the use of their business jets and proximity to the airport to serve their clients efficiently and securely. Other smaller companies, particularly those that are in high tech, financial services or innovative technologies, use the services of on-site flight management companies and FBOs at Montréal-Trudeau such as Skyservice or Innotech-Exeaire Aviation Group to achieve the same level of access that is essential to their growth, performance and success.

However, these benefits exist only as long as the aircraft can stage and deploy quickly and efficiently. Without speed and access, the benefits of business aircraft become almost non-existent, affecting the economic activity of corporations who are integral to the economic success of Québec.

Mme. Laberge, we have consulted extensively with Nav Canada and have learned that the percentage of flight movements represented by business aviation can easily and safely be incorporated into current activities during rehabilitation. We therefore ask you if you could direct your operational officials to ensure business aviation operations can continue during this construction period.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. In concert with major players from the aerospace and aviation sector located in Québec and our other members, we look forward to working with you and your officials to find a mutually satisfactory solution.

Sincerely,

