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Dear Ms. Namiesniowski,

By way of this letter, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the Canadian business aviation sector and open a dialogue on ways we believe that the business aviation community can work with PHAC to develop safe traveller protocols quickly and with virtually no risk.

Since mid-March when most travel came to a halt, business aviation has supported our economy by providing essential air lift to corporations and communities, a role it continues to this day.

But business aviation can do more. Because it offers a controlled and closely managed environment, we believe that business aviation should be used by the Government of Canada to pilot and test new health and safety measures aimed at passengers.

Business flights operate in a far more controlled environment than commercial air service. For example, contact tracing would be virtually automatic on BA flights: all passengers are known. They are employees, shareholders or guests on corporate aircraft, or are direct clients of flight management companies. As a result, should it be necessary, these people can be identified and contacted within hours.

As well, the processes to enplane and deplane passengers are inherently safer than their commercial counterparts, with fewer touchpoints and far less crowding. Unlike airline passengers, those using business aircraft through Fixed Base Operators (FBOs) do not have to deal with physical distancing issues at a CATSA-like security line, crush areas around baggage carousels, boarding gates or international arrival halls. Yet, even in their safer environment, business aviation flights adhere fully to the new stringent PHAC requirements, including masking, temperature checks, physical distancing, etc.

Finally, because FBO facilities are privately owned and operate on a much smaller scale than airports, it is relatively simple and quick to put into place and test new technologies and processes.

We would be pleased to bring our subject matter experts to the table to identify and implement pilot projects that quickly can be tested and then applied to the commercial airline environment.

We look forward to a positive and fruitful discussion.

Sincerely,



Anthony Norejko  
President and CEO