

July 13, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin P. J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P., Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
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Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister,

On behalf of the 50,000 Canadians whose livelihood depend on the business aviation sector, the CBAA is adding its members' voices to the thousands of aviation and air travel businesses around the country calling on the government of Canada to ease travel restrictions for fully vaccinated international visitors as of July 21, particularly those using the Canada-US air border.

With many international jurisdictions already easing travel restrictions and welcoming back foreign visitors, Canada is at a critical point.

As you are aware, Canada's corporations and communities use business aviation as a tool to create jobs, improve our environment and increase our wealth. But, without decisive action that would safely and methodically open our borders, Canada's economic recovery could be put into jeopardy as other countries attract new business opportunities, while Canada remains shuttered.

We are ready. Since the outset of the pandemic, the air travel sector, including business aviation, has been at the forefront of protecting the health and safety of both travellers and workers. We understand what is required both now and in the future.

Per the recommendations of the COVID-19 Testing and Screening Expert Advisory Panel, first and foremost we ask that Canada takes steps to ensure that the traveller experience at the land and air border is equitable. This would mean that air travellers would be treated in the same manner as those crossing into Canada by land and be permitted to use a home-based virus test rather than test at the airport. It would also mean that international arrivals would no longer be funnelled into only four airports but be permitted to land directly at any of Canada's international airports, in the same way that people travelling by car may enter Canada through any land border crossing.

Finally, we want to reiterate that we believe this can be accomplished in time to reopen the Canada-US border on July 21.

Prime Minister, we already know the path forward. We just need to take the first step. As always, the Canadian business aviation community is ready to work with government officials to turn this plan into reality.

Sincerely,



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President and CEO