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Prime Minister of Canada
The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau P.C., M.P.
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Dear Prime Minister,

In these challenging times, with Canadians scattered – and stranded – across the globe, we would like you to know that the business aviation sector is ready to support the government in its efforts to repatriate our citizens and residents.

Business aviation is currently flying two key missions: first, providing essential travel in support of commerce and trade that benefits the Canadian economy and second, staging repatriation flights from points across the globe on behalf of our clients.

Taking this mission one step further, our business aviation operators are standing by to work with the government directly to support your efforts to fly Canadians home quickly and safely.

With carriers aggressively downsizing operations and schedules, the window for Canadians to make their own arrangements to return home is dwindling. The situation for many – the stress of being away from home and family, and the threat of travel health insurance cancellations – is becoming critical. Canadians expect the government to act on their behalf. Business aviation can help you achieve that goal.

Business aviation operators are already used to a non-scheduled, fast-paced environment, with highly trained crew and staff who are expert in mobilizing and deploying on short notice, quickly and safely. Many of our operators fly internationally on a routine basis and have the necessary knowledge and capabilities to transport passengers between jurisdictions.

Business aircraft do not require the same level of servicing and infrastructure that large aircraft require and can land at small airports and aerodromes with little problem. Moreover, the government can easily match the size and type of the aircraft to the number of people who need airlift, avoid the cost and waste of using an aircraft that seats hundreds to fly one or two dozen people back to Canada.

Minister, the sooner the business aviation community can begin to support your repatriation efforts, the better it will be for Canadians abroad. With this in mind, we ask for an urgent meeting with your officials to work through the details and put an action plan in place to bring our fellow Canadians home.

Please feel free to contact me directly to discuss further or to arrange a meeting at 416.435.1942 or by email at anorejko@cbaa.ca.

Yours sincerely,



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