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The Honourable Marc Garneau, MP
Minister of Transport
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Dear Minister Garneau,

RE: Regulations on private aerodromes

I am writing on behalf of constituents who have concerns regarding the lack of regulations surrounding private aerodromes that lie outside of the built up area of a city or town. I am also concerned that the regulations are very limited, private airstrips and their installations are not monitored, and there is no public consultation process. There also seem to be no requirements in the regulations to notify or apply to the Ministry of Transport when building private aerodromes. Regulations are also lacking regarding when or how often a private airstrip can be used, and there is no approval required for private aerodromes.

As you may be aware, your department previously proposed an amendment that would require anyone building a private aerodrome to consult with "any owner of land immediately bordering land on which the aerodrome work would be conducted." This is available on Transport Canada's website at the following link:
<https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/programs/aerodromes-regulations-2981.html>.

Is your department considering the implementation of any sort of process for public consultation regarding new aerodromes? In addition to the public consultation process, constituents also feel that Transport Canada should also be equipped with regulations that require transport approval with consideration given to safety, regular monitoring, and licencing.

I appreciate your consideration of these issues and look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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cc: constituents