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The Right Honourable Mark Carney
Prime Minister of Canada
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Re: Ministry of Transport and Internal Trade – Concern One Step Too Far

Dear Prime Minister Carney:

The B.C. Aviation Council has strong concerns about the inclusion of internal trade with transport under one ministry. It is our belief that the ministry should be completely focussed on transportation issues.

This is especially true given Canada's need to shift towards reliable partnerships. This will require focussed aviation relationship building, bilateral international air agreements, infrastructure investment, future borders procedures and technology, addressing the ICAO audit failure, and significant repositioning of passenger and freight supply chains – to name just a few challenges. This is no minor task, and time is of the essence.

At the same time, there is a backlog of policy, program, certification, precision approaches, in addition to skilled labour shortages and board appointments – to name just a few aviation examples – that desperately need to be addressed. My May 6th presentation at the Alberta Aviation and Aerospace Conference, "Together We Stand: A Collaborative and Comprehensive Approach to Government Policies/Programs" (attached) presents just some of these challenges.

Our Council works very closely with the other transportation modes in our province. They also face a litany of challenges and express a similar concern about lack of focus.

As always, our Council is here to take a positive, educational and facilitatory approach with your Government to successfully overcome these challenges together. This will be much more attainable if this vital ministry is focussed on just the transportation tasks at hand.

Aviation is the most powerful infrastructure supporting social and economic development in a modern economy. Let's stay focussed on the task at hand and get it right.

All best wishes,

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Cathy Press
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