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By email: [jennifer.oconnell@parl.gc.ca](mailto:jennifer.oconnell@parl.gc.ca)

Dear Parliamentary Secretary O'Connell,

On behalf of the Canadian Business Aviation Association (CBAA), I would like to congratulate you on your new position as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Safety, Democratic Institutions and Intergovernmental Affairs. We extend our most sincere wishes as you step into this important role at the center of the federal government's safety and security agenda implementation. CBAA collaborates closely with your colleagues at the Canadian Border Services Agency to advance the interests of all Canadians, and we look forward to building our relationship with you in this portfolio and your new position.

We look forward to working with you to ensure Canada's aviation is the safest, most sustainable, and competitive industry globally. Business aviation is crucial to Canada's economy, keeping communities connected and businesses competitive. Our industry contributes \$17.9 billion annually to the economy, including manufacturers, suppliers, and operators from all over the country. We estimate that over 1400 business aircraft in Canada cover almost every square mile of our vast country, taking us to every corner of the globe, no matter how remote or inaccessible.

For aviation to thrive in Canada, the services that support efficient and effective functioning – like CBSA – must also thrive. To ensure that our business aviation sector and the well-paying and highly skilled jobs it supports continue to thrive, we hope to work closely with you and your colleagues. We also look forward to learning more about your priorities and how we can work together to advance those. We would very much appreciate the opportunity to meet with you or a member of your staff at your convenience to discuss your priorities and how CBAA can assist you in moving them forward.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if CBAA can assist you in the meantime.

Sincerely,



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