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The Honourable John Baird, PC, MP  
Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities  
Transport Canada  
330 Sparks Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0N5

Dear Minister Baird:

On behalf of the Toronto Board of Trade, I am writing to you and to Minister Flaherty to express our enthusiastic support for the Toronto Port Authority's proposed pedestrian and expanded utility tunnel to connect the Toronto City Centre Airport's mainland terminal to the island airport.

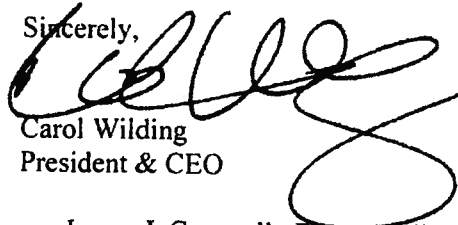
Since the launch of Porter Airlines in 2006 the Toronto City Centre Airport has demonstrated itself to be an enormously important economic asset to Toronto's regional economy, linking our downtown business and tourist hub to an ever-expanding inventory of eastern continental destinations. The resiliency of this airline to the many headwinds facing the broader airline industry is a testament to the strategic economic value of its airport's downtown location.

A pedestrian tunnel would not only increase the reliability and convenience of the use of this airport, it would greatly improve public safety by eliminating the risk of occasional ferry service interruptions associated with weather conditions. The potential link of a public safety incident to inclement weather is obvious, and the sole reliability of access via the ferry is a very real concern. No other international airport operates with such limited emergency access options.

Moreover, as Toronto grows in size and stature as a global financial hub, it will be imperative for the region to be easily accessible to both business and tourist travel. In a few short years this airport has become a tremendous source of pride for Torontonians who clearly enjoy the travel options that a second, smaller international airport offers our city region. This proposed stimulus funding project enjoys strong support not only from the Toronto business community, but from the broader public. It would also have immediate and lasting economic benefit to the broader Toronto region.

I am happy to speak with you regarding any aspect of this particular project. Do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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