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Dear Mr. Iler:

I just wanted to send a quick note of clarification to you regarding the statements made in the CommunityAIR Press Release of Friday, January 15, 2010, '*No More Porter Subsidies*'.

The release inaccurately states that the Toronto Port Authority ("TPA") has not consulted with the waterfront community. In fact, the TPA has taken the concerns of CommunityAIR very seriously.

We engaged Jacobs Consultancy to study the source of ambient noise near the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport ("BBTCA") beginning in September, 2008, and recommend ways to mitigate the impact of ambient noise from the airport operations. We have held three meetings with the Noise Management Advisory Group (of which CommunityAIR is a member) – November 25, 2008, February 18, 2009 and July 14, 2009 – to seek input from community stakeholders on recommendations based on the Jacobs Management Advisory Group stakeholders as a major noise irritant.

As a consequence, we are investing \$660,000 to erect a noise barrier for engine run-ups and improving aircraft run-up procedures to address community concerns. It is our intent to review and adopt all recommendations as appropriate as tabled in the Jacobs study to mitigate ambient noise coming from the BBTCA.

Additionally, as announced at the Port Authority's 2009 Annual General Meeting, our Board took the initiative to ask NavCanada to increase the flyover minimum ceiling to 2,500 ft across all the Toronto Islands.

These actions are not being paid for by the taxpayer nor simply for the benefit of the incumbent carrier as your release implies. In fact, not one penny of taxpayer funds is being used for these capital projects, as it is being financed by TPA revenue from passenger operations.

I trust the above helps clarify. Please feel free to call me should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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Geoffrey A. Wilson  
President & CEO