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We are proud of our role in protecting the safety of the Canadian traveling public and supporting the Canadian aviation industry. We feel that the employer's ability to attract and retain highly qualified professional pilots to continue that role is critical to maintaining the integrity of the Canadian aviation safety system.

If you have any concerns we urge you to contact the Minister of Transport, the Honourable David Collenette, Ph: (613) 991-0700, e-mail: Collenette.D@parl.gc.ca; and the President of the Treasury Board, the Honourable Lucienne Robillard, Ph (613) 957-2666, e-mail: Lrobillard@tbs-sct.gc.ca.

Thank you for your support.

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