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Monday, June 11, 2018

The Honourable Marc Garneau  
Minister of Transport  
Minister of Transport  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

*Sent via email*

**Subject: CATSA Plus – EIA HSIA**

Dear Minister Garneau,

The Canadian Global Cities Council, a collaboration of Canada's eight largest chambers of commerce and boards of trade, writes to ask that the Government of Canada provide the funding of screening enhancements enabled by CATSA's planned capital programming – including CATSA Plus. This is crucial to community airports and the airlines serving those who play an essential role in supporting the economic development of our regions.

Safe, efficient air travel is paramount to our passengers and vital to our regional economies.

Our future relies on efficiently connected communities. Cost-effective and efficient connectivity is vital in contributing to our integrated economy. Our air transport system provides important access to markets and facilitates inbound foreign investment. Without the proper tools in place, globally uncompetitive airports and airlines will be unable to meet this critical demand.

CATSA Plus modernizes security processes and it is also an essential next step for airline partners as they compete globally for passengers. With rapid growth experienced by our major airports, the current system is unable to efficiently process passengers, causing significant delays for airlines and travelers.

This is crucial because airlines play an essential role in supporting and growing air travel in Canada and abroad. Security screening is not keeping pace with passenger growth, even though security fees continue to be collected by the government. Essentially, passengers are paying for services they are not receiving in a highly competitive business environment.

Specifically, we advocate for funding to deploy CATSA Plus equipment at all of Canada's major airports where it is not in place now.

For instance, the Edmonton International Airport (EIA), Halifax Stanfield International Airport (HSIA) and Winnipeg James Armstrong Richardson International Airport (YWG) as are other major airports, are ready to deploy CATSA Plus equipment.

Robust growth continues in our major airports and this highlights the need for CATSA Plus deployment now more than ever. As passenger numbers rise, the CATSA Plus equipment will ensure that security screening can meet international safety and security requirements, offer competitive service standard levels for travelers, and be financially sustainable.



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CATSA Plus will directly impact airports' on-time-performance, minimizing delays due to security wait-times and giving airlines greater ability to meet their schedules and budgets. Flight delays impose additional cost to airlines, inconvenience passengers and disrupt business travel and tourism. Implementation of CATSA's screening capital program will directly impact our airports' on-time-performance, minimizing delays due to security wait-times and giving airlines greater ability to meet their schedules and budgets

Ultimately, with increased travel comes increased demand. As noted, the global competitiveness of our cities is essential for all of Canada. Our air transport system provides important access to international markets and facilitates inbound foreign investment.

Minister, your personal intervention in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you again for your attention on this CATSA Plus matter.

Yours truly,

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President and CEO, Toronto Region Board of Trade

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The Honourable Bardish Chagger, Minister of Small Business and Tourism  
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