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The Honourable Marc Garneau, MP
Minister of Transport
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Dear Minister,

I am writing you today concerning the Pickering Airport lands in my provincial riding of Pickering—Uxbridge. This letter is sent with the full support of the City of Pickering, Town of Uxbridge, and all Progressive Conservative MPPs in the Durham Region.

As you are aware, the airport lands were expropriated by the federal government under Prime Minister Trudeau in the 1970's. Since then, unfortunately, thousands of acres of land have sat idly by, reserved by the federal government for use as airport lands. No development has taken place since expropriation. In fact, several thousand acres were used for purposes not originally intended for when expropriated.

For more than 40 years, the people of Pickering—Uxbridge, whether using the land for agricultural, commercial or residential purposes, have had to lease the land from the federal government.

Without a decision from the federal government concerning the fate of the land, agriculture cannot benefit from long-term planning, residences are not being considered, and business cannot flourish. This has had severe negative impacts on development and growth in my riding and the surrounding regions. In fact, Durham Region is witnessing increased pressures on economic stability, including jobs, housing, and infrastructure. These lands are key to unlocking more economic potential for the Region.

In short, for nearly half a century, the people of Pickering—Uxbridge, and its surroundings, have been denied the benefit of full ownership and potential of these lands by the federal government. This has left us in a perpetual state of uncertainty concerning future development.

This is an injustice to the people of Pickering—Uxbridge, and all of Durham Region, that needs to be corrected as a matter of priority.

Now that another Trudeau is responsible for the lands, I am calling on the Prime Minister and the federal government to decide. Either:

- Provide certainty around the development of the lands in the near term, and release the KPMG Lands Aviation Sector Analysis first started in 2016; **or**
- Return the lands to the people of Pickering—Uxbridge so that the people can truly benefit from them.

The people of Pickering—Uxbridge deserve an answer from their federal representatives concerning the fate of these lands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Bethlenfalvy", with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Peter Bethlenfalvy
MPP Pickering--Uxbridge

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