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Mayor Olivia Chow and Members
of the Executive Committee,
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

(Attention: Ms. Cathrine Regan)

Dear Mayor Chow and Executive Committee Members:

Re: EX17.5 – Billy Bishop YTZ Toronto City Airport – Runway End Safety Areas

The Toronto Industry Network (TIN) is writing in support of the need to enhance the runway safety areas at Billy Bishop Airport. It is critical that the airport be compliant with all federal requirements to provide as safe an operation as possible for the thousands of passengers that benefit from using Billy Bishop each year.

Further, we encourage the City to work with Ports Toronto and the Federal government to ensure the continuing success of Billy Bishop as a key transportation hub for Toronto residents and a gateway for tourists visiting our City. We note the importance of Billy Bishop as a general aviation facility particularly since the closure of Buttonville airport. Accident victims, critical care patients and organ recipients can credit their healthcare in part to the support provided by Billy Bishop.

As you know, many TIN members have operated in Toronto for a long time, employing Toronto residents, creating wealth for the City and making products essential in our daily lives. We are acutely aware of the challenges of operating in Toronto. Good infrastructure is very important to us and having a safe and very accessible Billy Bishop airport is part of what makes Toronto a great City. I and other TIN members use Billy Bishop regularly for business and leisure travel because of its convenience compared to Pearson.

I thank you for your attention.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig McLuckie', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Craig McLuckie,
President

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