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Mr. Chuck Atkinson
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Transportation District 140, Canada
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Dear Mr. Atkinson:

Thank you for your correspondence of July 13, 2009, written on behalf of Transportation District 140 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, regarding Air Canada's compliance with the *Air Canada Public Participation Act* (ACPPA). Please excuse the delay in replying.

The ACPPA sets out that Air Canada's articles of continuance must contain provisions requiring the corporation to maintain operational and overhaul centres in Winnipeg, Montreal, and Mississauga.

I asked Department of Finance officials to look into this matter. According to public documents filed by Air Canada and its parent company, ACE Aviation Holdings Inc., Air Canada does maintain operational and overhaul centres at the three locations listed above, either directly or indirectly through a subsidiary corporation.

Thank you for communicating the concerns of Transportation District 140 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James M. Flaherty".

James M. Flaherty

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