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September 2, 2025

Janet Brewster MLA, Iqaluit-Sinaa

RE: Question 1235-6(2) - Airline Sector

Dear MLA Brewster,

I am writing as a follow-up to a question you brought forward during oral question period on May 26, 2025, requesting a status update on the status and any future plans the Government of Nunavut (GN) plans to contribute to the Competition Bureau's market study on the Canadian Airline Industry.

In the development of the study's Terms of Reference, officials from the Transportation Branch and the Procurement and Logistics Division highlighted some specific areas of concern with air services in Nunavut. As the study progressed, the officials participated in a number of interviews, and followed up with specific concerns.

The market study is now complete, and while it looks at Canada's entire airline industry, one section is focused on the additional challenges northern and remote communities face. This section brings forth a number of recommendations regarding infrastructure investment and aviation regulations which, if taken up by the federal government, could bring about long-term improvements.

I am confident the federal government's efforts will benefit Canadians, and I remain dedicated to advocating for Nunavummiut by supporting greater competition and improved air services for our communities.

Sincerely,

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Hon. David Joanasie

Minister, Transportation and Infrastructure Nunavut

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