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March 28, 2018

The Honourable Diane Lebouthillier, P.C., M.P. Minister of
National Revenue
7th Floor
555 MacKenzie Avenue Ottawa ON K1A
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Dear Minister Lebouthillier:

It is our understanding that Cooking Lake Airport has made an application to become a “qualified donee” as defined under the Income Tax Act. The Airport has requested a letter of support for this application. We are not in a position to express any opinion on whether the Airport meets the criteria to become a qualified donee; however, we can say that Cooking Lake Airport is a valued entity in our community.

We understand that it is the oldest operating public airport in all of Canada, and is Alberta’s only airport with both floatplane and traditional runway access. It is a busy community airport in Alberta, with approximately 26,000 aircraft movements each year. We believe that Cooking Lake Airport is unique in Canada, and an important part of our heritage.

The airport is operated by a dedicated group of volunteers who are committed to preserving the airport’s rich history and maintaining its viability for generations to come. Over the next few years, we understand that the airport wishes to raise money to refurbish aging public-use aeronautical facilities at the airport, including the runway and taxiways. If the Cooking Lake Airport request satisfies the criteria to become a qualified donee, we hope that you will be in a position to grant their request.

Sincerely,

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