

Minister of Transport



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To Commercial Air Carriers:

I am writing to you today as I am very concerned by the event that took place in Calgary on December 31, 2016.

As a commercial air carrier authorized to carry passengers in Canada, you have an obligation to ensure that flight crew members are fit to fly when requiring them to carry out such responsibilities and additionally a responsibility to have procedures in place to identify and manage hazards to aviation safety.

The incident in Calgary reminds us all of the need to ensure that protocols are up to date and that they are being implemented with all the required resources, including measures designed to confirm pilots' fitness to fly. I ask that you please confirm with my Department that such measures are in place by February 15, 2017.

While standard protocols and quick crew action did address the recent incident, we all collectively have a responsibility to make sure our systems are robust enough to prevent such incidents in the future.

As part of our shared goal of improving safety, Transport Canada officials are organizing a workshop in early spring to bring companies, unions and medical experts together to consider further steps necessary to enhance aviation safety.

I look forward to your cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marc Garneau".

The Honourable Marc Garneau, P.C., M.P.  
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