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His Worship Fred Eisenberger  
City of Hamilton  
71 Main Street West  
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Your Worship,

**Re: AIRPORT PRIVATIZATION**

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As you may know, the federal government is currently considering the for-profit-privatization of Canada's airports.

This is an issue that has moved largely under the radar, and that is worrisome.

Our concerns are not ideological in nature, but pragmatic and based on lessons learned from the international experience.

Other countries that have privatized airports have found that absent robust regulatory protections for users, it often leads to higher fees and reduced services for travelers and airlines. This can damage tourism, business travel, and the local economy. Most of all, it makes it more difficult and expensive to maintain essential connections with the rest of the country and the world.

We hope that with your support we can mobilize other municipal leaders across Canada to ensure that no privatization plan is advanced absent a full public airing and the development of a clear set of rules to govern for profit airports and protect travelers and the airlines that serve them.

A number of municipal councils across the country have already adopted resolutions opposing for-profit airport privatization, among them Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver and the Capital Regional District of Victoria.

We urge you and the other members of the Big City Mayors' Caucus to join them in opposing the for-profit privatization of airports under the current approach and calling on the federal government to focus on modernizing the current system to lower costs for travelers and enhance the competitiveness of Canada's airline industry.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at: [mbergamini@airlinescouncil.ca](mailto:mbergamini@airlinescouncil.ca)

Regards,

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