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House of Commons
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Dear Minister Garneau,

I am writing today with regards to the grounding of the Sunwing Airlines flight 9002 in Windsor, ON yesterday, and if all federal transportation regulatory procedures were followed regarding the grounding.

I understand from your safety notice yesterday that Canada is grounding all Boeing 737 Max 8 and 9 planes and banning the jet from entering into Canadian airspace until further notice. I am requesting from Transport Canada the policies with regards to the grounding of aircrafts, as there may be future occurrences where airplanes are relocated to the Windsor International Airport (YQG). Did this particular instance/exception become allowable because of the "commercial" designation, and was the municipality made aware of this situation in advance. Similarly, what rules and public notification will be made should the plane require further travel over Windsor, Essex County or Canada?

Additionally, in the future will there be public engagement or consultation with the municipality. You have issued notice of grounding based on concerns about the public riding in these planes, surely there must be the same concerns about when and how they fly over populations.

Please find a CBC news article with regards to the issue that I am referring to and the grounding of the aircraft in Windsor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Masse".

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