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The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Re: URGENT – U.S. Threats to Decertify Canadian Aircraft and Impose Tariffs

Dear Prime Minister Carney:

I am writing on behalf of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM Union Canada) to express our deep concern regarding statements made yesterday by U.S. President Donald Trump threatening to decertify the Bombardier Global Express and “all aircraft made in Canada,” and to impose a 50 percent tariff on Canadian-made aircraft entering the United States.

These actions would have immediate and crippling consequences for workers, manufacturers, airlines, and the travelling public in both Canada and the United States. As you know, the Canadian and U.S. aerospace industries are among the most deeply integrated industrial sectors in North America. Any disruption to certification would endanger thousands of Canadian *and* American aerospace jobs due to shared supply chains, production facilities, and service operations. This raises a fundamental question as to who, exactly, stands to benefit from such actions.

The scale of this threat is significant. Canadian aerospace manufacturers rely extensively on U.S.-produced components, systems, and avionics. For example, Bombardier, headquartered in the Greater Montréal region, employs roughly 3000 workers in the United States across manufacturing operations and service centres, and works with nearly 2800 U.S.-based suppliers, supporting thousands of additional American jobs. Aircraft assembled in Canada incorporate substantial U.S.-manufactured content before entering service throughout North America and global markets.

Even if political pressure were to escalate, it remains unclear whether U.S. regulators have any legal authority to revoke aircraft certifications on economic or trade grounds, as certification actions are

traditionally and appropriately tied to safety considerations. Any attempt to cancel certifications absent a safety basis would be subject to immediate and prolonged litigation, regulatory uncertainty, and insecurity for the aerospace industry on both sides of the border.

The operational impact of such actions would be severe. The U.S. fleet includes thousands of Canadian-manufactured aircraft across business aviation and regional airline fleets. According to industry data, more than 2100 Bombardier aircraft are currently registered in the United States, many of which operate daily in U.S. airspace. Major U.S. carriers, including American Airlines and Delta Air Lines, rely on Canadian-built aircraft for regional operations, while uncertainty would also extend to aircraft with Canadian production components such as the Airbus A220, portions of which are produced in Canada even as final assembly for some U.S. operators occurs in Alabama.

The grounding or disruption of these aircraft would create immediate consequences for the travelling public, including cancelled flights, reduced service, higher costs, and widespread operational instability. Aviation safety must never be used as leverage in trade or political disputes.

The IAM Union Canada urges the Government of Canada to respond swiftly and decisively. This includes defending the integrity of aircraft certification processes, protecting Canadian aerospace workers and manufacturers, engaging U.S. counterparts at the highest levels to prevent escalation, and preparing all appropriate legal, trade, and diplomatic responses should these threats advance.

Canada's aerospace sector is a strategic national asset and a cornerstone of high-skill, high-value employment. Our members should not be placed at risk by actions that undermine long-standing regulatory cooperation and integrated industrial production across North America.

We appreciate your immediate attention to this matter and stand ready to support efforts that protect workers, uphold regulatory integrity, and preserve stability in the aerospace sector.

Yours sincerely,



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