



Aerospace Industries
Association of Canada

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aérospatiales du Canada

October 1, 2019

Mr. Jagmeet Singh
Leader of New Democratic Party
300 – 279 Laurier West
Ottawa, ON K1P 5J9

Re: Vision 2025 and the future of Canada's Aerospace Industry

Dear Mr Singh:

Canada's aerospace sector stands as one of our country's proudest achievements, providing nearly **215,000 jobs** and **\$25.5 billion** annually to the Canadian economy. It's an industry that should not be taken for granted.

Our **Vision 2025** initiative started a new dialogue to chart a course for securing Canada's future in the international aerospace sector. We have been travelling across the country for more than a year engaging our members and the 200,000 employees that depend on aerospace, provincial governments and other stakeholders and the general public. This discussion facilitated by the Hon. Jean Charest has resulted in a comprehensive report Vision 2025: Charting a New Course that outlines some of the industries concerns and recommendations.

In an effort to ensure the industry in Canada is fully aware of your party's support and commitment to its growth, we would like to ask the following:

If elected, what concrete steps will you take to work with, and support, the aerospace industry?

Additionally, we would appreciate your comments and support for the following 6 recommendations found in our recently released VISION 2025 report and ask that you specify where in your election platform we can find reference to each recommendation.

- Building the most skilled and talented workforce in the world;
- Ensuring small and medium-sized businesses thrive and grow;
- Using innovation to capture new opportunities, including carbon-neutral flight and unmanned vehicles;
- Investing to maintain Canada's status as a world-class regulator;
- Leveraging Canada's role at the forefront of space;
- Maximizing defence procurement and government partnerships to drive new industrial growth.

AIAC will be sending an open letter to our members, employees and stakeholders generally, on **October 15th**. Please respond prior to **Oct. 15th** so that our industry can make an informed decision when they vote on Election Day.

Sincerely,

Jim Quick
President and CEO
Aerospace Industries Association of Canada

cc: Honourable Jean Charest, Chair of Vision 2025, Premier (2003-2012), Partner, McCarthy Tetrault
cc: Aerospace Industries Association of Canada members