

March 25, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
Government of Canada
Prime Minister's Office
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

RE: Cross-jurisdictional consistency regarding non-essential services required

Dear Prime Minister,

Further to my letter on March 23, 2020, I am writing following a meeting of the Board of Directors at the Aerospace Industries Association of Canada (AIAC). I want to thank the Honourable Anita Anand, Minister of Public Services and Procurement for her strong support of our industry and for making herself available to our members during this trying time.

As actions are being taken at the provincial levels to prevent the spread of COVID-19 through the designation of essential services workplaces, Canada's aerospace industry, and its nearly 215,000 strong workforce, stand with you to continue our vital contributions to the safety and security of Canadians, and indeed the world.

However, in order for Canada's aerospace and defence industry to continue their important work ensuring the safe transport of products and services necessary in times of crises; and also products and services required for maintaining critical infrastructure such as satellite systems in space and defence infrastructure, the designations of essential services requires **urgent clarity and consistency with a pan-Canadian approach.**

AIAC members operate in all regions of the country, offering products and services across Canada and indeed the entire world. In fact, many of our member companies have operations crossing multiple provinces and **the lack of clarity and consistency is hurting Canada's overall economy and the aerospace and defence industry's ability to maintain its operations to support the safe transport and critical infrastructure both at home and around the world.**

It is imperative that the cross-jurisdictional issues are addressed now. Aerospace businesses in every region of Canada must have the option to remain open to support the flow of critical goods and services. **Therefore, the Aerospace Industries Association of Canada (AIAC) calls on you, Prime Minister Trudeau, to provide guidance and leadership on this issue during your next call with First Ministers, ensuring the aerospace and defence industry is designated an essential service in all of Canada's provinces and territories.**

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jim Quick', is placed below the closing.

Jim Quick
President and CEO
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cc: The Honourable Blaine Higgs, Premier of New Brunswick
cc: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
cc: The Honourable François Legault, Premier of Quebec
cc: The Honourable Brian Pallister, Premier of Manitoba
cc: The Honourable John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia
cc: The Honourable Dennis King, Premier of Prince Edward Island
cc: The Honourable Scott Moe, Premier of Saskatchewan
cc: The Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier of Alberta
cc: The Honourable Dwight Ball, Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador
cc: The Honourable Sandy Silver, Premier of Yukon
cc: The Honourable Joe Savikataaq, Premier of Nunavut
cc: The Honourable Stephen McNeil, Premier of Nova Scotia
cc: The Honourable Caroline Cochrane, Premier of Northwest Territories