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VIA EMAIL and FAX

The Secretary
Canadian Transportation Agency
Ottawa, ON K1A 0N9

Dear Madam or Sir:

Re: Apprehension of conflict of interest of Member J. Mark MacKeigan

It has come to our attention that since July 2017, Member J. Mark MacKeigan has been married to Mr. Leslie Lugo.¹ Mr. Lugo is the Assistant General Counsel for the International Air Transport Association (IATA), the trade association for the world's airlines, representing some 290 airlines,² including most airlines flying within, to, and from Canada.

IATA represents interests that are adverse to those of air passengers. The Canadian Transportation Agency identified IATA as an industry group and stakeholder in the "Air passenger protection public consultation," and IATA made extensive submissions, advocating for the airlines' interests.³ IATA is also vehemently opposed to the air passenger rights regulations in the European Union.⁴

We therefore respectfully request that the Agency confirm forthwith that Member MacKeigan will not be involved in any way in matters relating to the airline industry, such as, but not limited to:

- (a) the adjudication of disputes between passengers and airlines; and
- (b) the making of regulations affecting the relationship between passengers and airlines.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Gábor Lukács

¹ "Leslie Lugo, Mark MacKeigan," New York Times (July 30, 2017).

² "About us," IATA's official website (retrieved: August 9, 2018).

³ IATA's submissions to the Canadian Transportation Agency, dated August 28, 2018.

⁴ *IATA v. Department for Transport*, European Court of Justice, Case C-344/04.