

The Honorable Denis Label
Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities
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RE: A simple 3 point solution to prevent the Collapse of Canada's Aviation Industry

Dear sir;

On August 12, 2012 President Obama signed statute 1335, a "Pilots Bill of Rights" into law. This legislation clarifies that Government in the United States must abide by the standards of jurisprudence that apply to all other citizens when dealing with aviation.

It begins to address a problem we share here in Canada. It clarifies US aviators now must be informed of what the allegations are when they are investigated by their Government for possible violations. It confirms that those in the aviation community have the right to a legal appeal procedure, and that courts in the US are not bound to rubber stamp civil servants determinations. Rules of evidence in the United States will now be the same in aviation proceedings as those used by the rest of the legal system. Any legal information must be available to the accused and indexed, and now the medical licencing process must be improved to make it fair.

This is all good news for those in the aviation industry in the United States. But, are you aware we have the exact same shortcomings here in Canada?

Yesterday, yet again, one of the principals of one of the largest aviation companies in the Yukon entered my shop and as a greeting, said; "George, government paper-work is killing this industry!" His statement reflects a situation I have written to you about, and in fact, I am still waiting your response to mine of February 2012. In that letter I demonstrate in Canada the aviation industry is still;

- baffled by unnecessarily convoluted legislation
- subject to inconsistent "laws", applied by self serving bureaucrats, using inconsistent "policies", and
- the whole thing is administered by a bureaucracy who (they genuinely believe) is not bound by the Canadian Charter of Rights, and who rely on a "Kangaroo" system of tribunals to perpetuate their system.

Justification of these observations are offered in mine of 2009 and Feb 2012, but let me refresh you, the solution is frustratingly simple;

1. Re-writing the Canadian Aeronautics Act and the Canadian Air Regulations in plain language.
2. Like President Obama did, confirm the same system of jurisprudence (rules of evidence, charter rights, etc.), apply to us
3. Train your staff to apply the rules in a fair and consistent manner.

The cost savings at all levels would be staggering, the human pressures too. It is the

only means of this industry surviving.

Sincerely
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cc Ryan Leef, MP Yukon

p.s. Should you require new copies of my previous letters detailing the issues I make ,
they are available at your request.