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Dear Ms. Connelly,

Thank you for your correspondence of September 21, 2017 addressed to the Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister of Health, regarding your concerns about the health impacts posed by increased aircraft noise from the Toronto Pearson International Airport and your request for Health Canada to update the 2010 publication *Aircraft Noise in the Vicinity of Airports*. The Minister has asked me to provide a detailed response on her behalf.

Health Canada's role with respect to aircraft noise is an advisory one, where information on the potential health impacts of aircraft noise is provided to Transport Canada and other Departments and Agencies, upon request. Transport Canada and the US Federal Aviation Administration were among the sponsors of the Partnership for Air Transportation Noise and Emissions Reduction (PARTNER) research on issues related to aircraft noise. This research was completed in 2015 and included a detailed review of the scientific developments in this area. Provided for your information is a link to the report on aircraft noise and health (Report 19): <http://partner.mit.edu/projects/health-effects-aircraft-noise>.

While there are no immediate plans to update the 2010 publication, Health Canada scientists will continue to monitor the scientific literature on noise and health, and contribute to the development of relevant international standards, such as those produced by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

I hope my comments have been helpful.

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