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The Honourable Bill Blair, P.C., M.P.

Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

House of Commons

Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister:

A growing number of Canadians are raising concerns about foreign travellers crossing the Canada-US border on route to Alaska, but reportedly either making lengthy recreational stops in Canada or failing to pass through Canada to Alaska altogether.

We have heard many reports of American tourists crossing into Canada for non-essential recreational activities, including a number of stories in recent days of tourists violating border restrictions to travel to the Canadian Rockies. At a time when the Canada-US border remains closed, this kind of behaviour endangers the health and safety of Canadians and compromises the integrity of our borders, especially as cases of COVID-19 continue to climb in many US states.

The prevalence of international tourists travelling through Canada, despite the current border restrictions leaves many Canadians, including ourselves, with pressing questions.

We hope you can provide clarification for Canadians on what measures your government is taking to protect their health and safety and what you are doing to ensure that travellers who enter Canada in good faith on their way to Alaska reach their destination swiftly and safely, while enforcing the border restrictions that the Canadian and the American governments have mutually agreed to in order to keep both our countries safe.

1. How does the CBSA handle travellers who present themselves for entry at the Canadian border who declare that their stated purpose of entry is to travel to Alaska?
2. What measures are in place to ensure people entering Canada do indeed travel to Alaska as swiftly and as safely as possible?

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3. What consequences exist for those who abuse our trust, violate our country's border restrictions, and threaten the health and safety of Canadians by ignoring travel requirements and instead engaging in non-essential travel like tourist activities?
4. What is your government doing to address and stop the flow of travellers currently entering Canada for non-essential purposes?

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

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Pierre Paul-Hus, MP

Shadow Minister for Public Safety, Border Security and Emergency Preparedness

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie Kusie', written in a cursive style.

Stephanie Kusie, MP

Shadow Minister for Families, Children and Social Development