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NEWS RELEASE

Calgary MP states plan for the airline sector and supply chain security long overdue

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Calgary—Stephanie Kusie, Shadow Minister for Transport stresses the need for a plan by the Liberal Government for the airline industry and securing the supply chain.

After having met with several stakeholders, including airlines and airport authorities, Kusie is calling on the federal government to acknowledge serious issues created by COVID-19 within the airline industry, and to finally provide the leadership needed to help start the regrowth of Canada's economy.

Kusie will be carefully reviewing Wednesday's Throne Speech, expecting to see specific details relating to not only the airline sector, but the overall supply chain as well. "Our economy simply cannot function, let alone thrive, without major carriers as well airport authorities," said Kusie.

In 2020, the Calgary Airport Authority alone is expecting a 64% drop in passenger traffic from 2019 levels and projecting a loss of \$245 million in revenue. Other airport authorities across the country are facing similar challenges.

"Stakeholders also reported that some supply chains have been overloaded as a result of the pandemic - with the demand for some products having increased by up 500% - and vulnerabilities have become apparent," stated Kusie.

Kusie is calling for the government to develop a plan with common sense solutions for the airline industry that will benefit the Canadian economy while maintaining the health and safety of all Canadians.

"I really want Canadians and our economy to be able to take flight and it can only happen if we see some action and planning from this Liberal government, which they have not provided to date," she clarified.

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