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Ms. Rosemarie Leclair
Chair and Chief Executive Officer
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Leclair:

We are pleased to lend our voice to Imperial's leave to construct application for the Waterdown to Finch pipeline replacement project. The National Airlines Council of Canada (NACC) represents Canada's largest national and international passenger air carriers, including Air Canada, Air Transat, Jazz and WestJet. Collectively, our member airlines carry over 70 million passengers annually, directly employ 50,000 people and create over 260,000 jobs.

The aviation sector is a significant driver of the economy, and our member airlines are very proud of the investments we make in Ontario and our contribution to the province's economy. Since 2008, we have been advocating for safe, environmentally responsible and competitive air travel. Our focus is to ensure that Canadians continue to enjoy the benefits of having the best, most efficient air transport system in the world today.

According to Statistics Canada, the total number of passengers enplaned and deplaned in Canada increased by 30 percent between 2008 and 2016. While the demand for air travel is increasing, our members are also making strategic investments to support greater efficiency. For example, \$30 billion will be invested by NACC airlines on new aircraft featuring more fuel efficient engines and better aerodynamics from 2005-2020.

Air transport has become an essential link between people and communities. However, what is not always evident are the complexities involved in getting a passenger to the destination. It involves the coordinated efforts of hundreds of dedicated people working for airlines, airports, air traffic control, air



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security, and border services. It also involves having dedicated access to aviation fuel to ensure that our vehicles can move passengers and goods. Our members rely on the aviation fuel delivered through Imperial's Sarnia Products Pipeline. Its replacement supports continued reliability of our industry as we serve the growing population and business presence in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area.

We appreciate having the opportunity to provide this letter in support of the Waterdown to Finch Project, and we look forward to the progression of this project to enable the continued safe and reliable operation of our air transit carriers.

Sincerely,

NATIONAL AIRLINES COUNCIL OF CANADA

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President and CEO

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