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Subject: Consultation on proposed changes to strengthen the Air Passenger Protection Regulations

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In the past year various players in the aviation sector including airports, carriers, federal agencies and departments, have been working collaboratively to address operational challenges and expedite the recovery of the aviation ecosystem during travel disruption, all with the shared goal of supporting passengers. More work is required and recent federal legislation is designed to support this ongoing collaboration.

As the Canadian Transportation Agency carries out its consultation on proposed changes to the Air Passenger Protection Regulations, we ask that through its analysis the CTA:

- 1) Ensure the eventual regulatory regime will not have a deleterious impact on the affordability of air travel in Canada;
- 2) Assess the impact of limiting the "knock-on" effects of a disruption to one subsequent flight, given the interconnected nature of carrier scheduling;
- 3) Assess the degree to which the regulations should take into account unexpected mechanical delays that occur when appropriate safety training, regulations and procedures have been followed.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the consultation process. We look forward to further consultation under Gazette One, as well as eventual future engagement with industry on accessibility policy.