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Honourable Omar Alghabra
Minister of Transport
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Dear Minister Alghabra,

I am writing on behalf of many of my constituents, who have questions and concerns about the new mandatory hotel quarantine measures.

Most of my constituents understand the intention of the government to dissuade people from travelling abroad for non-essential reasons. However, they don't believe it's fair or necessary to post a financial burden as much as \$2,000 on people who travel for essential purposes like international commuters, those who need to take care of a sick family member or attend a funeral, etc.

It is a widely shared opinion that things are already hard enough for people who have to travel internationally during the pandemic for a compelling reason and the last thing they need is to be punished financially on top of all the other restrictions they are willing to comply with. Many people who called and wrote to us believe that a more reasonable approach is to differentiate between the two type of travellers by offering a cheaper hotel price to those who have to travel internationally for essential reasons and also considering exemptions on a case by case basis.

Thank you for reviewing and I look forward to your response. Please reply to Matt.Jeneroux.C1@parl.gc.ca directly.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matt Jeneroux'.

Matt Jeneroux
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