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Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport (BBTCA) is a crucial service for our city, and I fully support efforts towards extending the Tripartite Agreement to help BBTCA comply with federal safety regulations. Without an extension, we risk losing a major economic engine and a key part of our city's growth. This is about keeping Toronto moving and growing.

As the fifth busiest airport in Canada for U.S.-bound traffic, and the ninth busiest airport overall, Billy Bishop is important for our growth and economy. It drives tourism and business, linking Toronto to both major cities across North America and communities across Ontario who rely on services in Toronto. It is truly a city airport, supporting thousands of jobs and bringing in billions of dollars in revenue that are felt throughout the city. For those in areas such as Scarborough Southwest, it is a vital alternative to Pearson, which congestion often renders inaccessible.

Extending the Tripartite Agreement is about helping Toronto grow and thrive. A successful extension will allow significant infrastructure upgrades to be made to meet federal safety standards, allowing BBTCA to serve Torontonians without major impacts on residents. The airport's history of responsible operations, including voluntarily capping flight numbers and operational hours, show its long-term viability and commitment to being a responsible neighbour.

Without an extension, the airport will not be able to secure the necessary financing to achieve this compliance - supporting Billy Bishop's infrastructure upgrades keeps Toronto moving and growing. For a growing and global Toronto, we need an extension to the Tripartite Agreement. I fully support negotiations to extend the Tripartite Agreement to ensure that BBTCA serves Toronto for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. Kandavel." The signature is fluid and cursive.

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