

RESPONSE TO PETITION

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Response by the Minister of Transport

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SUBJECT

Montreal Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport

TRANSLATION

REPLY

Canada maintains a transportation system that protects Canadians by developing and enforcing transportation security regulations.

Canada's transportation security system is based on an integrated, multi-level approach that combines partnerships, assessments and information sharing, policing, physical security, regulations and the use of technical and human resources to minimize risks.

Every individual who requires access to the restricted area of designated airports across Canada must obtain a Transport Canada transportation security clearance (TSC). The process includes a security screening that involves rigorous and regular background checks of each applicant with the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), as well as Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC).

Moreover, in November 2014, the Department introduced the Perpetual Vetting Initiative. This is a critical feature in the process that mitigates the possibility that an existing clearance holder could become a threat. Through the Perpetual Vetting Initiative, the Canadian Police Information Centre's (CPIC) national database is consulted on a daily basis and Transport Canada knows almost immediately if any new criminal charges have been laid against an individual. When

criminal activity is identified, Transport Canada takes immediate action and is able to suspend or revoke the clearance of the individual in question.

The Government of Canada is committed to a safe and secure transportation system.