

Dear Committee of Finance

We are writing to you today to address the proposed amendments to the Aeronautics Act. Changes must be made to the Aeronautics Act in order to stop the practice of unscrupulous property owners from declaring their land as an 'aerodrome' in order to import millions of cubic metres of soil. These so called aerodromes are none other than poorly regulated fill sites. The proposed changes will allow for safeguards to be put in place to better protect citizens in the affected areas. Amendments to the act will also stop the loopholes that currently exist that allow property owners to bypass municipal regulations which can cause such environmental degradation.

In closing, we are strongly in favour of the implementation of these new amendments to the Aeronautics Act, for they will discourage property owners from setting up fill sites, which prove financially profitable, under the guise of establishing an aerodrome. The above amendments will also force aerodromes to come under revised regulations which can then better protect the public interest .i.e. environment and its aquifers.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Citizens of Chalk Lake

cc Lisa Raitt
Minister of Finance