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Dear Deputy Prime Minister

Financial Assistance for Victorian Aviation companies

As you are no doubt aware that business in Victoria are suffering immense financial pressure during this latest Covid lockdown. As Minister responsible for aviation, I wanted to highlight to you the plight of our small general aviation companies in Victoria, such as flying schools and maintenance companies who are at breaking point.

The Federal Government's assistance to our airline industry has been critical in supporting them to continue through these incredibly difficult times and we have been open in our support for the government in this case. As you know, our general aviation businesses are the backbone of the aviation industry and whether it is supporting services such as flying schools, maintenance companies or simulator training providers, they are essential services in support of our airline industry.

The RAAA are calling on the Federal Government to support our aviation businesses in Victoria to ensure that they will be there to support our aviation industry going forward. Without training providers to train our new pilots of tomorrow or maintain pilot currency today or having someone to provide maintenance services, our airlines will also eventually be affected.

As the Federal Government considers what support they will provide businesses in Victoria, I implore you not to forget about aviation companies and ensure that they are not forgotten. The eco-system that is the aviation industry needs these supporting services to maintain the envious aviation industry that we have in Australia!

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