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Dear Ms. Johal:

Thank you for your correspondence informing me of Central Peel Secondary School's second-place finish in the 2017 NASA Ames Space Settlement Contest.

My heartiest congratulations go out to all of the students on the *Transcendence* team. This international contest is highly competitive and the team should be incredibly proud of their achievement. Space settlement is on the next frontier of science and it is exciting to think now about how humans can live in space in the future.

Supporting science and innovation is an important part of my mandate, and it is an essential pillar in the Government of Canada's strategy to create strong and sustainable economic growth. As unveiled in Budget 2017, the Innovation and Skills Plan is an ambitious effort to make our country a world-leading centre for innovation, with a goal to ensure that Canada is home to the most skilled workforce across the globe. With its project, the *Transcendence* team has demonstrated how innovation and science can be integrated with how people live, work, and play.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding your correspondence to Mr. Sylvain Laporte, President of the Canadian Space Agency, in order to bring Central Peel Secondary School's achievement to his attention.

Once again, please extend my congratulations and best wishes to the students as they prepare to travel to the International Space Development Conference to present their project, which is certain to be an exciting adventure.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Navdeep Bains, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: Mr. Sylvain Laporte

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