

# APPENDIX B: Vulnerable Sector Check Volunteer Letter

*Presentation of this letter to your local police force is required to obtain a Vulnerable Sector Check*



To Whom It May Concern:

The bearer of this letter is a member in good standing of COPA, the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association. COPA is the national advocacy group for general aviation in Canada, representing over 16,000 pilots and aircraft owners in every province and territory. Through our 200 Chapters (called “COPA Flights”) in communities across Canada, COPA delivers a volunteer-run program for youth called “COPA for Kids” that gives young Canadians, aged 8-17, the opportunity to experience a flight in a small, general aviation aircraft or helicopter.

The flights are preceded by a ground school-type session where participants learn the basics of the theory of flight and aircraft operations. As required by law, participants are provided with a thorough briefing on safety and emergency procedures prior to boarding the aircraft. The flights themselves are usually 15-25 minutes in duration.

The volunteer pilots supply their time and their own personal aircraft to provide the rides to participating youth. Pilots receive no compensation for their time or for the operating expenses of their aircraft. Due to the nature of some aircraft, it is not always possible for the parent to accompany the youth for their flight. While there has never been an incident in the history of our program, due diligence requires that COPA mandate volunteer pilots to undergo a Vulnerable Sector Check to be eligible to volunteer in this position.

For more information on the COPA for Kids Program or about COPA, visit our website: <http://www.copanational.org> or contact our office: 613-236-4901

Regards,

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*Advance, promote and preserve the Canadian freedom to fly.*

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