

IS PASSENGER SAFETY
IMPORTANT TO YOU?



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FLIGHT ATTENDANTS WANT ANSWERS FROM YOUR PARTY

CUPE's Airline Division

represents over 10,000 flight attendants across Canada. We have members at Air Canada, Air Transat, Calm Air, Canadian North, Canjet, Cathay Pacific, First Air and Sunwing. They are deeply worried by actions taken by the current government.

With the federal election scheduled for October 19, flight attendants want to know your party's position on issues that are of high importance to them and to Canadians in general.

Please answer the following questions, and return to:

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Thank you.

A SAFE NUMBER OF FLIGHT ATTENDANTS ON BOARD

Transport Canada has reduced the number of flight attendants on board aircraft from one per 40 passengers to one per 50 passenger seats. Transport Canada said the change will save the industry nearly 300 million dollars over 10 years. They cannot guarantee the new ratio provides an equivalent level of safety. Transport Canada is placing airline profits over passenger and cabin crew safety.

Would you support scrapping the new 1:50 regulation, and returning to the safety-proven 1:40 ratio?

YES

NO

STRONGER HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTECTION

The federal government has weakened health and safety protection under Bill C-4 by making it more difficult to refuse dangerous work. Flight attendants are exposed to many hazards in their work including violent passengers, poor air quality, and high levels of fatigue.

Would you support scrapping Bill C-4 and strengthening health and safety regulations for all federal employees?

YES

NO

AIR QUALITY ON BOARD

Aircraft air quality is a significant concern for flight attendants. Low levels of oxygen and exposure to contaminants result in health-related problems.

Do you support measures to ensure air quality is monitored, and a healthy air supply is maintained?

YES

NO

RETIREMENT SECURITY

The federal government has proposed legislation to weaken defined benefit pension plans and refuses to expand the Canada Pension Plan. Many flight attendants do not have an adequate workplace pension plan, or find their defined benefit plans are under attack.

Would you support legislation to protect and extend defined benefit plans, and expand the CPP?

YES

NO

AFFORDABLE CHILD-CARE

80 per cent of flight attendants are women. Many junior flight attendants work at poverty level wages, and have great difficulty paying for child-care.

Do you support a publicly funded, national child-care program?

YES

NO

RESPECT FOR WORKERS' RIGHTS

The federal government's Bill C-525 has made it harder for federal workers to join a union. In 2011, the Labour Minister interfered in the free collective bargaining of Air Canada flight attendants.

Would you support the scrapping of Bill C-525, and commit to defending the right to free collective bargaining without interference?

YES

NO