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Dear Prime Minister Carney and Minister Hajdu:

On behalf of the 800,000 members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), I am writing to urge your government to respect the collective bargaining process in the ongoing negotiations between WestJet and its flight attendants.

The right to strike is a fundamental right protected under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and an essential component of meaningful collective bargaining. Workers must be free to exercise that right without government interference.

Last year, your government's interference in the Air Canada labour dispute undermined collective bargaining and sent a troubling message that employers need only wait for government intervention rather than bargain in good faith. Canadians should not witness a repeat of that mistake.

Government intervention that prevents workers from exercising their lawful right to strike only undermines free collective bargaining and rewards employers who refuse to bargain in good faith.

We demand your government to refrain from taking any action not freely agreed to by both parties, including invoking section 107 of the Canada Labour Code with a view to denying WestJet flight attendants their lawful right to strike.

Yours sincerely,



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cc: The Honourable John Zerucelli, Secretary of State (Labour); C. Rennick; B. Bruske; A. Hussain; W. Lesosky

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