

June 13, 2011

Calin Rovinescu  
President and CEO  
Air Canada  
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Dear Mr. Rovinescu:

On behalf of the 600,000 members of CUPE, including our 6,800 flight attendants, I am writing to convey in the strongest terms possible our support for the membership of CAW Local 3002, poised to go on strike at midnight tonight.

CAW members, like all Air Canada staff, have made tremendous sacrifices over the years to assist with difficult economic times such as those posed by 9/11 or our recent experiences with bankruptcy proceedings. As I told you when we met last October, it is long overdue for all Air Canada employees to have a normal round of bargaining in which they receive a wage increase and are spared company demands for concessions. Sadly, it appears that this will not be the case.

I urge you to remove Air Canada's concessionary demands from the bargaining table. They are a prescription for bad labour relations. Your pilots have rejected your approach, CAW members have as well, and I can assure you CUPE has no intention of granting the unjustified concessions that you seek. We will support CAW members in their current struggle and all Air Canada unions until such time as the company shows its workforce the respect it deserves.

Yours truly,



PAUL MOIST  
National President

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cc: K. Lewenza; J. Taylor; National Executive Board Members; Executive Assistants; Managing Directors; D. Letarte; D. Clairoux