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We watch over the land and sea and in turn they watch over us.

April 11, 2012

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper
Prime Minister of Canada
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Dear Prime Minister Harper:

I am writing to urge your government to take immediate action to amend the Air Canada Public Participation Act to ensure that skilled workers laid off by Aveos Fleet Performance Inc. (Aveos) are awarded the same job protection as their counterparts in Mississauga, Winnipeg and Montreal. This reflects the unanimous view of the BC Legislature, which debated the matter March 29.

These workers form an important part of Greater Vancouver's skilled aviation workforce, which is itself an important element of the provincial economy. More than 350 workers face job loss in the Greater Vancouver area.

I endorse the March 23 Communiqué of the Mayors of Montreal, Winnipeg and Mississauga urging you to convene a meeting of all parties concerned to protect these 3,500 important, well paying jobs.

Sincerely,



Gregor Robertson
MAYOR

cc: Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia
Adrian Dix, BC Leader of the Opposition
Jenny Kwan, MLA Vancouver Mount Pleasant
Malcolm Brodie, Mayor of Richmond, BC
Christopher Hiscock, President, International
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