

April 4, 2012

The Honourable Denis Lebel, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities &
Minister of the Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec
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Dear Minister:

I am writing in support of the more than 350 workers laid off by Aveos Fleet Performance as a result of their decision to cease Canadian operations. Our government is a strong advocate for the creation and protection of family-supporting jobs in British Columbia.

On March 20, 2012, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia unanimously passed a motion in support of the affected AVEOS workers in our province. For your reference, I have included the full motion below:

“Be it resolved that this House supports the efforts of 350 skilled air-frame maintenance workers laid off by Aveos Fleet Performance Inc. (AVEOS), to be accorded the same job-protection as their counterparts in the operation and overhaul centres in Mississauga, Winnipeg and Montreal; and further, that if the federal government amends the *Air Canada Public Participation Act*, this House supports the addition of Greater Vancouver to the *Act*.”

We believe it is important that British Columbia's workers are provided the same protection as their counterparts in other provinces. I would like to request, once again, that if the federal government chooses to amend the relevant legislation that Greater Vancouver is recognized in the act.

On behalf of the Government of British Columbia, I encourage all sides to work together to find a solution to this complex and challenging situation.

Yours sincerely,



Honourable Pat Bell, M.L.A.