

## Template letter to Member of Parliament

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

### Re: NO AIRPORT PRIVATIZATION

I am writing to express our concern about the federal government's continued pursuit of the for-profit privatization of Canada's airports.

Airports and the airlines that serve them and their communities are essential elements of the social and economic infrastructure of our community and region, as they are across the country. Air transportation provides a vital link that connects families and communities and promotes economic growth. It is not a luxury to be treated as a cash cow by governments.

Keeping this plan in play delays much-needed effective action on other issues, such as the burden federal rents and fees place on airlines and air travellers. These are what stand in the way of a more competitive and economical air transportation system for Canada.

We urge you to raise this issue in the House and in your caucus to make it clear to the Government of Canada that our community opposes for-profit airport privatization. The attached motion, recently passed by our council, calls on the federal government to abandon its consideration of for-profit airport privatization and clear the way for the modernization of airport governance.

We will work with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to alert other municipal governments to the damage that for-profit airport privatization can do to their communities, regions and local economies.

We hope that we can count on your support on this issue. Canadian municipalities have a big stake in the success of their airports and of Canada's airlines. There are many things the federal government can do to make our air transportation system more competitive, but selling off these valuable public assets for a quick cash infusion isn't one of them.

Yours truly,