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**Subject:** Letter to Air Canada from Mayor Bruce Lantz

Hello Everyone,

Kindly find attached a letter from Mayor Bruce Lantz to Calin Rovinescu, President & CEO of Air Canada regarding their flight pass policy.

Best Regards,

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Mr. Rovinescu:

I am writing to seek clarification on what seems to be a shift in Air Canada's Flight Pass policy that severely discriminates against your customers in Northeastern British Columbia.

Our municipality, along with other local governments and business travelers from this region, has in the past made frequent use of the Flight Passes. For frequent travelers this has been a real asset in budgeting for the travel that is so necessary from the North to other locations. However, we are now informed that – only in Northeastern BC - the price for such passes will double, they can only be used by 25 people instead of 300, and they will not include flights to Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

While we recognize your right to set rates and policies as you see fit for your business, we wish to stress that this places an unfair and discriminatory financial burden on your customers in Northeastern BC. We respectfully ask that you review this policy change and reinstate the former Flight Pass system. You should know that it is our intent to vigorously pursue this issue with other levels of government and business leaders affected by this inequitable policy.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience so that we may discuss this further. We would appreciate a meeting on this subject with you and/or your representatives.

Best regards,

Bruce Lantz, Mayor

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cc MP Jay Hill  
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Chetwynd Mayor Evan Saugstad  
Dawson Creek Mayor Mike Bernier  
Fort Nelson Mayor Bill Streeper  
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