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PARK THE TAX!

Recently, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) informed Air Canada that it would begin treating the parking that Air Canada provides to us as a taxable benefit. This means that the CRA will assess a value to the parking spots that we use and add this to our income to be taxed. If parking was valued at \$100 per month, \$1,200 would be added to our taxable income. Even a moderate tax rate of 20% would result in an increase of \$240 on your tax bill! This is effectively another wage cut. After years of wage reductions and freezes, how much more should we tighten our belts?

It is time to lend your voices to the fight! Please send a letter to the Minister of National Revenue outlining your opposition to the CRA's decision to tax Air Canada employees by visiting the following website:

<http://4095.cupe.ca/park/>

Pass this information along to fellow Air Canada employees, who can also use this site to send a letter. Air Canada CUPE has over 6,500 members, and together we can be a formidable voice for change, so let's all send the CRA a clear message – PARK THE TAX!!!!

Special thanks go to the Calgary local for their technical assistance in developing this site!

For more information, check out the following links:

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/bsnss/tpcs/pyrll/bnfts/tmb/prkng-eng.html>

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/bsnss/tpcs/pyrll/bnfts/tmb/prkng-fra.html>

<http://www.mondaq.com/canada/article.asp?articleid=49866>

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