

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of Australian flight attendants draws to the attention of the House proposals to change Civil Aviation Order (CAO) section 20.16.3 to carry one crew member for every 50 passengers.

Current law requires one crew member for every 36 passengers. The adoption and enforcement of ratio has lead to:

- a) The establishment of a safe & secure environment for passengers and crew onboard Australian domestic flights; and
- b) The ability to respond efficiently and effectively to on-board emergencies and illness; and
- c) The ability efficiently and effectively to evacuate aircraft in an emergency; and
- d) The ability to deter and respond to an adverse security event; including acts of terrorism and attempted hijackings.

These standards benefit all Australians. We therefore ask the House to:

- a) Affirm its commitment to the best and safest standards in the world; and
- b) Oppose commercial attempts by airlines to maximise profits by reducing standards and cutting costs; and
- c) Reject the proposed ratio of 1 crew member for every 50 passengers.