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BULLETIN

PLEASE VOTE – AND MAKE IT COUNT

Canadians will be going to the polls in a **Federal Election on Monday, May 2nd, 2011**. Please make sure that you are one of them.

There has been a large voter turnout for the advanced polls over the Easter weekend and I hope that trend continues on Election Day. All too often Canadians are too apathetic to get out and do their civic duty and cast their vote. I implore all of our members to exercise your democratic right and freedom and take the time to cast your ballot for the candidate of your choice.

As you read this there are millions of people fighting and dying to overthrow oppressive regimes throughout the Middle East for the right to do what you can freely do on Monday - have the right to vote and elect a government of their choice. This is a right and freedom that we have grown up with and take for granted. Please do not waste that privilege because you think your vote doesn't make a difference. In the last election 15 MPs were elected by less than 1% over the 2nd place candidate. The riding of Kitchener-Waterloo was decided by 17 votes and Ujjal Dosanjh won Vancouver South by 22 votes. Only 25 out of 308 MPs were elected with 50% or more of the votes cast in their riding. The BQ won the riding of Gatineau with 29% of the total vote.

Vote for whichever candidate or party best represents your concerns and issues but please make sure you vote. If you are not happy with what the Harper Conservatives have done for you and your family over the last 5 years now is your chance to tell them. For anyone who is not sure who to vote for you may want to consider supporting the following MPs if you live in their ridings.

Peter Julian, MP Burnaby - New Westminster, Don Davies, MP Vancouver Kingsway and Sukh Dhaliwal, MP Newton – North Delta all came out and supported us at our March 16th ACPPA rally at YVR. Peter Julian has also been an outspoken advocate for our members at Air Canada in the House of Commons over the last 3 years. He is also an opponent of the current Aviation SMS safety system.

Please make sure you earn the right to bitch at your government by getting out and casting your ballot. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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