

Pivot Airlines Support

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**Support for Pivot Airlines Crew,
Detained in Dominican Republic**

Please see the bulletin below forwarded on behalf of the Airline Division of CUPE. This bulletin is being distributed to all present and retired members to encourage your participation.

-Local 4092 team

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Dear Members,

Since April 5, CUPE members Christina Carello and Alexander Rozov, flight attendants at Pivot Airlines, Local 4059, along with two pilots and a flight mechanic – members of ALPA and Unifor, respectively – have been held in the Dominican Republic, after discovering and reporting suspected contraband on their plane.

In doing so, the crew prevented a possible onboard fire, and a probable air disaster resulting from the added weight and unsafe location of the contraband on the plane.

Despite that, and despite immediately following all local and international laws and regulations, Dominican authorities want the crew to be held in prison for up to 12 months as an investigation runs its course. They have faced daily threats, including explicit threats on their lives for their actions, and CUPE is gravely concerned for their safety, mental health, and physical well-being.

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