

Dear Government Policy Makers,

On behalf of my own child, as well as on behalf of the community whom I have served as both a pediatric intensive care nurse and a public health nurse, I would like to thank you for making the efforts to help ensure that all Canadians have increased safety during travel.

Due to the transient nature of life today (travel/work commitments; family relocations and increased collaborations between cultures), Canadians with allergies and anaphylaxis are required to travel more than ever. Air travel becomes a necessity when time factors into essential logistics of life obligations.

Air travel can be a major risk for those with anaphylaxis as access to emergency care, in a timely manner is severely challenged.

Decreasing risk is a worthwhile strategy that can be both economical and attainable. It can involve such simple steps as announcing requests from passengers to voluntarily refrain from consuming products that may pose risk to fellow passengers. This costs nothing! It also increases the cooperative nature among citizens in a respectful manner- a positive virtue for all Canadians. Placement of fish products in the cargo section eliminates air-borne allergens. Having stock auto-injectors on board planes can be life-saving.

Simple measures can make life for all less worrisome and also cause less unplanned emergencies, that disrupt the lives of all travellers.

Thank-you for caring,

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