

Open letter from Canadian businesses to our elected representatives
February 11, 2022

Canadian businesses have suffered under the strain of constant disruptions over the last two years. The challenges they have had to overcome have included COVID-19, extreme weather events, increasing inflationary pressures, labour shortages and supply chain disruptions. Now achieving a successful recovery is threatened by the ongoing blockades of the critical infrastructure that enables the livelihoods and well-being of all Canadians.

The harm is both immediate and severe. Each hour that these blockades continue does more serious damage to our economy and to our society. Manufacturers that depend on just-in-time delivery have been forced to cancel shifts for thousands of workers, shipments of livestock and of fresh produce face serious delays or waste that threaten food security, and deliveries of products that are greatly needed by Canadian families are being cancelled. These curtailments will only grow in scope and impact if the blockades continue.

Allowing these illegal closures to continue will also have serious economic and reputational consequences for the years ahead. The blockades not only strike against the rule of law that protects our rights and freedoms, but also undermine Canada's international reputation. We are already hearing calls to move investment, contracts, and production from Canada because of our inability to guarantee timely delivery to international customers.

Canadians expect our elected representatives at all levels of government and from all political parties to set aside partisanship and jurisdictional squabbling to bring this issue to a quick resolution.

Our organizations call upon our elected representatives to expeditiously take the following actions.

- Deliver a strong and unified commitment from the Prime Minister, Premiers, Opposition Party Leaders, and Mayors that the rule of law will be upheld.
- Urgently enact measures to protect critical infrastructure to ensure further closures do not take place elsewhere in the country in the days ahead.
- Seek immediate injunctive measures through the courts to assert a clear message that lawlessness will not be tolerated.
- Ensure law enforcement agencies have all the necessary political support and appropriate tools needed to restore public order and remove any physical blockades that are not dismantled voluntarily.

Along with the vast majority of Canadians, Canada's business community looks to you to restore the rule of law and to bring a successful end to these illegal actions that are damaging our economy and the well-being of our citizens. As order is re-established, we pledge to do our best to restore the jobs, products and services so greatly needed by our fellow citizens.

1000 Islands Gananoque Chamber of Commerce	Greater Summerside Chamber of Commerce
Aerospace Industries Association of Canada	Guelph Chamber of Commerce
Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade	Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce
Alberta Chambers of Commerce	Hamilton Chamber of Commerce
Amherstburg Chamber of Commerce	Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association of Canada
Animal Nutrition Association of Canada	Heating Refrigeration Air Conditioning Institute of Canada
Associated Equipment Distributors	Huntsville/Lake of Bays Chamber of Commerce
Association of Canadian Port Authorities	Huron Chamber of Commerce - Goderich, Central and North Huron
Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers	Industrial Minerals Association - North America
Association québécoise de l'industrie du cannabis	Innovative Medicines Canada
Atlantic Chamber of Commerce	Institute of Canadian Agencies
Beer Canada	Junto Business Solutions Inc.
Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce	Kenora & District Chamber of Commerce
Brampton Board of Trade	Kivalliq Chamber of Commerce
Brampton Board of Trade	La Chambre de commerce de l'Ouest-de-l'Île de Montréal
Brandon Chamber of Commerce	Leamington District Chamber of Commerce
Business Council of Manitoba	Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce
Cambridge Chamber of Commerce	Lindsay + District Chamber of Commerce
Campbell River & District Chamber of Commerce	London Chamber of Commerce
Canada's Accredited Zoos and Aquariums	Lunenburg Board of Trade
Canada-U.S. Business Association	Madoc & District Chamber of Commerce
Canadian Agri-Food Trade Alliance	Manitoba Chambers of Commerce
Canadian Association of Importers and Exporters	Meaford Chamber of Commerce
Canadian Association of MoldMakers / AutomTe Canada	Meaford Chamber of Commerce
Canadian Association of Recycling Industries	Medtech Canada
Canadian Automobile Dealers Association	Milton Chamber of Commerce
Canadian Cattlemen's Association	Mining Association of Canada
Canadian Chamber of Commerce	Mississauga Board of Trade
Canadian Construction Association	Morinville & District Chamber of Commerce
Canadian Federation of Independent Business	Mount Pearl Paradise Chamber of Commerce
Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers	Niagara-on-the-Lake Chamber of Commerce
Canadian Food Exporters Association	North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce
Canadian Franchise Association	NWT Chamber of Commerce
Canadian International Freight Forwarders Association Ltd	Oakville Chamber of Commerce
Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	Ontario Chamber of Commerce

Canadian Meat Council	Orillia District Chamber of Commerce
Canadian Pet Connection	Ottawa Board of Trade
	Owen Sound & District Chamber of Commerce
Canadian Produce Marketing Association	Peachland Chamber of Commerce
Canadian Recreational Vehicle Association	Port aux Basques and Area Chamber of Commerce
	Port Colborne-Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce
Canadian Rental Association	Pulse Canada
	Quinte West Chamber of Commerce
Canadian Society of Customs Brokers	Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association of Canada
Canadian Steel Producers Association	Red Deer & District Chamber of Commerce
Canadian Sugar Institute	Responsible Distribution Canada
	Retail Council of Canada
Canadian Toy Association	RGA
Canola Council of Canada	Saint John Region Chamber of Commerce
Cape Breton Regional Chamber of Commerce	Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce
Centre Wellington Chamber of Commerce	Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce
Chaleur Chamber of Commerce	Sherwood Park & District Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce Brantford-Brant	
Chamber of Commerce for Greater Moncton	Shipping Federation of Canada
Chamber of Commerce Niagara Falls, Canada	Sooke Region Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce serving Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows	South Stormont Chamber of Commerce
Chambre de Commerce et d'industrie de Sherbrooke	South Surrey & White Rock Chamber of Commerce
Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce	St. Albert and District Chamber of Commerce
Chemistry Industry Association of Canada	St. Thomas & District Chamber of Commerce
	Stratford & District Chamber of Commerce
Cloverdale District Chamber of Commerce	Supply Chain Canada
	Surrey Board of Trade
Conception Bay Area Chamber of Commerce	Swift Current & District Chamber of Commerce
Cranbrook Chamber of Commerce	The Business Council of Canada
CropLife Canada	The Canadian American Border Trade Alliance
Danby Appliances	The Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Montreal
Downtown Fredericton Inc.	The Fort Saskatchewan & District Chamber of Commerce
	The Greater Barrie Chamber of Commerce
East Gwillimbury Chamber of Commerce	The Prince Edward County Chamber of Commerce
East Hants and Districts Chamber of Commerce	
Eastern PEI Chamber of Commerce	
Electro-Federation Canada	
Federally Regulated Employers - Transportation and Communications	
Fertilizer Canada	
Flamborough Chamber of Commerce	

Food Health & Consumer Products of Canada.	The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce
Food Producers of Canada	Tillsonburg District Chamber of Commerce
Forest Products Association of Canada	Titan Tek Inc.
Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce	Toronto Region Board of Trade
Fredericton Chamber of Commerce	Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce
Freight Management Association	Trident Pump Inc
Frontier Duty Free Association	Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce
Gander and Area Chamber of Commerce	Vermilion & District Chamber of Commerce
Georgina Chamber of Commerce	Wasaga Beach Chamber of Commerce
Global Automakers of Canada	Welland/Pelham Chamber of Commerce
Grain Growers of Canada	West Nipissing Chamber of Commerce
Grande Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce	
Greater Charlottetown Area Chamber of Commerce	Western Canadian Shippers' Coalition
Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce	
Greater Kitchener-Waterloo Chamber of Commerce	Western Retail Lumber Association
	Whitby Chamber of Commerce
Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce	Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce
Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce	WindsorEssex Regional Chamber of Commerce
Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce	Wine Growers Canada
	Woodstock District Chamber of Commerce
	Yarmouth & Area Chamber of Commerce