

July 5, 2023

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.  
Prime Minister of Canada  
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Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A3  
Sent by email: [pm@pm.gc.ca](mailto:pm@pm.gc.ca)

Dear Prime Minister:

On behalf of the Canadian business community, we are writing to express our deep concern regarding the labour dispute at Canada's West Coast ports.

As associations, local chambers of commerce and boards of trade, whose members employ millions of Canadians, we are calling on the Government to reconvene Parliament and pass back-to-work legislation, immediately.

The shutdown of our ports will fuel inflation, increase costs for businesses and consumers, and damage the Canadian economy. It will severely reduce the ability of our exporting industries to move their products to market, making it much more difficult to secure the global contracts that drive investment and employ Canadians.

Approximately 25 percent of our total traded goods flow through the ports in Western Canada. They are Canada's largest gateway, handling over \$800 million worth of cargo, from agri-foods and potash to critical minerals, forestry, construction materials and household necessities, every single day. As a result of Canada's heavy reliance on trade, the smooth delivery of goods is in the national public interest making the impact of this dispute far more profound than that of most other more isolated labour disruptions.

To position Canada as a reliable trading partner that is competitive in the global economy, businesses must be able to reliably and efficiently get goods to and from market. Canadians expect our elected officials to ensure that this labour dispute is resolved quickly.

Sincerely,

Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce

Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade

Alberta Chambers of Commerce

Assiniboia Chamber of Commerce (Manitoba)

Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers

Barriere & Area Chamber of Commerce

BC Chamber of Commerce

BC Chamber of Shipping

BC Council of Forest Industries

Beaumont Chamber of Commerce

Brampton Board of Trade

Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning  
Institute of Canada

Independent Contractors and Businesses  
Association

Innovative Medicines Canada

Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce

Kamloops & District Chamber of Commerce

Kelowna Chamber of Commerce

King Chamber of Commerce

Leamington District Chamber of Commerce

Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce

Life Sciences BC

London Chamber of Commerce

British Columbia Construction Association  
British Columbia Trucking Association  
Burlington Chamber of Commerce  
Burnaby Board of Trade  
Business Council of Canada  
Calgary Chamber of Commerce  
Campbell River & District Chamber of Commerce  
Canadian Association of Importers and Exporters  
Canadian Automobile Dealers Association  
Canadian Canola Growers Association  
Canadian Chamber of Commerce  
Canadian Construction Association  
Canadian Federation of Independent Business  
Canadian Food Exporters Association  
Canadian Home Builders' Association  
Canadian International Freight Forwarders Association  
Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters  
Canadian Meat Council  
Canadian Produce Marketing Association  
Canadian Society of Customs Brokers  
Canadian Sugar Institute  
Canadian Toy Association  
Canadian Trucking Alliance  
Canola Council of Canada  
Cap-Acadie Chamber of Commerce  
CCSPA  
Chamber of Commerce Brantford-Brant  
Chetwynd Chamber of Commerce  
Clarenceville Area Chamber of Commerce  
Cloverdale District Chamber of Commerce  
Cochrane Board of Trade  
Cold Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Crowsnest Pass Chamber of Commerce  
Delta Chamber of Commerce  
Edmonton Chamber of Commerce  
Madoc & District Chamber of Commerce  
Manitoba Chambers of Commerce  
Melfort Trade Alliance Chamber of Commerce  
Mining Association of Canada  
Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Mississauga Board of Trade  
Moose Jaw & District Chamber of Commerce  
New Car Dealers Association of BC  
North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce  
Northern Regional Construction Association  
Oakville Chamber of Commerce  
Ottawa Board of Trade  
Owen Sound & District Chamber of Commerce  
Parkland Chamber of Commerce  
Parry Sound Area Chamber of Commerce  
Penticton & Wine Country Chamber of Commerce  
Perth & District Chamber of Commerce  
Port Hope and District Chamber of Commerce  
Prince Albert & District Chamber of Commerce  
Prince George Chamber of Commerce  
Qualicum Beach Chamber of Commerce  
Railway Association of Canada  
Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association of Canada  
Red Deer & District Chamber of Commerce  
Responsible Distribution Canada  
Restaurants Canada  
Retail Council of Canada  
Richmond Chamber of Commerce  
Ridge Meadows Chamber of Commerce  
Rocky Mountain House & District Chamber Of Commerce  
Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce  
Saskatchewan Mining Association  
Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce  
Sherwood Park & District Chamber of Commerce  
Shipping Federation of Canada

Electro-Federation Canada  
Fédération des chambres de commerce du  
Québec (FCCQ)  
Fertilizer Canada  
FETCO  
Food Producers of Canada  
Food, Health & Consumer Products of Canada  
Freight Management Association of Canada  
Global Automakers of Canada  
Grande Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Kitchener Waterloo Chamber of  
Commerce  
Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Vancouver Board of Trade  
Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce  
Halifax Chamber of Commerce  
Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce

Smithers District Chamber of Commerce  
South Surrey & White Rock Chamber of  
Commerce  
Southern Interior Construction Association  
St. Albert and District Chamber Of Commerce  
St. Andrews Chamber of Commerce  
Surrey Board of Trade  
Sylvan Lake Chamber of Commerce  
The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Moncton  
Tillsonburg District Chamber of Commerce  
Toronto Region Board of Trade  
Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce  
Vancouver Island Construction Association  
Vancouver Regional Construction Association  
Vermilion & District Chamber of Commerce  
Western Canadian Shippers' Coalition  
Western Retail Lumber Association  
Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce  
Woodstock Chamber of Commerce  
Yarmouth & Area Chamber of Commerce  
Yorkton Chamber of Commerce