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David Epp, Member of Parliament
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Dear Mr. Dave Epp, M.P.

I am writing from the Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of our members and the local businesses of Chatham-Kent, to express concern over the illegal blockades taking place across the country.

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.

As our elected representative, we are asking that you:

- Put politics aside and work with your parliamentary colleagues to deliver a strong and unified commitment that the rule of law must be upheld.
- Urgently work with all levels of government to ensure we protect critical infrastructure to ensure further closures do not take place elsewhere in the country in the days ahead.
- Encourage 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.

During these difficult times, Canadians look to our elected leaders to lead. We need our governments to act in restoring 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.

Yours in Prosperity,



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