

February 13, 2020

Terry Beech, MP
Peter Julian, MP
Jagmeet Singh, MP

Hon. Katrina Chen, MLA
Hon. Anne Kang, MLA
Raj Chouhan, MLA
Janet Routledge, MLA

Dear Members of Parliament and Members of the Legislative Assembly,

The Burnaby Board of Trade, representing over 1,100 distinct businesses and organizations in our community, is writing to you regarding the recent blockades throughout BC and across Canada. We are asking your two levels of government to work together to deescalate this issue and resolve the ongoing disruptions to public services, major transportation corridors, trade-enabling infrastructure, and key rail services.

The right to protest is a valuable cornerstone of our democracy, but the Burnaby Board of Trade is very concerned about the negative economic impacts our member businesses and their employees will face if these blockades continue unabated. The blockades over the past several days have had significant negative effects on our national, provincial and local economies by shutting down major roadways, preventing access to public transportation, and disrupting shipments through our ports and railways. These blockades are preventing both the movement of people, goods and services within our region, and the transport of products across Canada and onto international markets.

On behalf of all of the local businesses represented by the Burnaby Board of Trade, we urge your governments to act without further delay.

Sincerely,



Paul Holden
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Burnaby Board of Trade