

# COALITION OF BC BUSINESSES

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## News Release

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### **Coalition of BC Businesses preparing for class-action lawsuit against ferries union**

#### ***Illegal strike action stretching patience of small business group***

**Vancouver** – The Coalition of BC Businesses is preparing a plan for a class-action lawsuit against the BC Ferry and Marine Workers' Union.

"The ferry workers' illegal strike is costing millions of dollars a day of lost business," said Philip Hochstein, Chair of the Coalition of BC Businesses. "Small businesses who have become casualties of this unlawful work stoppage have the right to sue for damages."

"The BC Ferry and Marine Workers' Union and its members are not above the law," said Hochstein. And this kind of lawlessness will not, and cannot be tolerated by the citizens of British Columbia."

"BC Ferries is an essential service and a vital component of our economy," said Hochstein. "The union's illegal job action shows callous disregard for the BC jobs, businesses and livelihoods that depend on uninterrupted ferry services."

Barring an immediate end to this illegal strike, the Coalition of BC Businesses plans to help organize a lawsuit so that small businesses can recover the damages they have suffered.

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