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## **Small businesses concerned about NDP's refusal to detail labour policy**

VANCOUVER – The Coalition of B.C. Businesses expressed concern today that the NDP will not include labour policy in its election platform—even though the NDP admits they will change labour laws, should they form government.

“We are very nervous when the NDP says they are going to change the labour code, but then refuse to offer any specifics on what those changes would be,” said Kevin Evans, Chair of the Coalition of B.C. Businesses. “We do not want to see a return of the job-crippling labour policies of the previous NDP government.”

Evans pointed out that small and family-owned businesses are thriving in B.C. today, and they do not believe that the labour code is broken.

“Unfortunately, the NDP do not want to tell us what changes they are going to make, and this makes many small and family-owned businesses fear the worst.”

Small and family-owned businesses are the biggest job creators in the province, employing 98 per cent of all private sector jobs in B.C.

*The Coalition of BC Businesses speaks for organizations representing over 50,000 small and family-owned businesses active in all sectors of B.C.'s economy. The Coalition's focus is the development of labour policies that will foster a positive relationship between employers and employees and a positive climate for new economic growth, opportunities and jobs.*

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