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**The Saint John Region Chamber of Commerce calls for a National Business Strike**  
National protest will deliver a powerful message to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau that  
business has had enough

The Saint John Region Chamber of Commerce is calling on Canadian businesses to participate in a protest of the federal governments proposed tax changes. These changes will have a significant negative impact on businesses of all sizes and types.

**“On September 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm EST we ask all businesses in Canada to stop work for one minute and take photos of your business and staff to include with your correspondence with Members of Parliament as part of the tax consultation process”** says David Duplisea, CEO of the Chamber.

“A 1-minute strike will not impact operations, revenue or customer service but our hope is that putting faces to the millions of Canadians who could be impacted by these changes will send a powerful message to Minister of Finance Morneau and Prime Minister Trudeau” added Duplisea.

The Chamber has aggressively lobbied on behalf of members with activities including meetings with MP’s, launch of an MP letter campaign, commentaries and editorials. The Chamber announced the National Business Strike in conjunction with a breakfast information session it will host on September 12 at the Delta Brunswick Hotel.

“There are over 1 million businesses who will be impacted by the proposed changes across many sectors. If small businesses were to stop work for a longer duration, the impact would be significant. Any business strike of length would be devastating,” said Duplisea. “We want to make this a simple process for business owners to register their concern and have their voice heard.”

The Chamber website ([www.thechambersj.com](http://www.thechambersj.com)) is set up to allow businesses to send an email to their MP and attach photos. Businesses that choose to share their photo on social media are encouraged to use the hashtag #nomoretax . For a national search of MPs, please access: <https://lop.parl.ca/ParlInfo/Compilations/HouseOfCommons/MemberByPostalCode.aspx?Menu=HOC>

**The Saint John Region Chamber of Commerce** is a dynamic advocate and the principal voice for the business community of Greater Saint John. It offers a variety of programs, activities, services, and networking opportunities designed to enhance the business prospects of members and the overall business climate of the area.

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