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## **Hon. MP Findlay Statement on the Truck Convoy**

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Ottawa, ON – Member for Parliament for South Surrey – White Rock issued the following statement on the truck convoy currently in Ottawa.

“The latest government overreach by the Trudeau Liberals, which mandates vaccines for truckers who enter Canada will remove over 26,000 truckers from our supply chain. This includes 10-15% of British Columbia’s cross-border truckers. With the recent announcement that they will extend this to inter-provincial trucking exacerbates the situation even more.

These truckers are vital to our already fragile supply chain. In BC, that supply chain has been hit even harder due to recent natural disasters.

These truckers have worked tirelessly the last two years to ensure that Canadians have access to the food, goods and services that they need. As one trucker stated, “If you got it, a trucker brought it.” Earlier in the pandemic they were labelled as essential, and even heroes, but now the government has changed its mind. The Truckers Convoy is thousands strong of patriotic Canadians who hold a contrary view to the Trudeau Liberal government. A free country means citizens get to freely assemble and freely speak.

Vaccines are an important tool in our health care system, but Conservatives believe that health choices should remain personal, and no one should lose their job due to a personal health choice. Many countries, and the Province of Saskatchewan have declared that now we must normalize our lives and get back to a sense of normalcy, albeit with health considerations in mind.

I want to be clear that I denounce any disrespect to the sacred Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Terry Fox statue. With veterans in my family, and as the previous Associate Minister for National Defence and current Shadow Minister of National Defence, I will always hold our military and fallen soldiers in the highest regard. My husband and brother knew Terry Fox personally; we will always honour him and his memory. I also condemn any use of extremist rhetoric or symbols. This kind of behaviour is unacceptable regardless of the circumstances. Despite these few isolated incidences, which came down to a very few, the majority of protesters have been peaceful and respectful throughout their time in Ottawa.

Peaceful protest is a vital part of a working democracy. I support the tens of thousands of patriotic peaceful protesters who deserve to be listened to. I support all Canadians who choose to exercise their Constitutional rights to freedom of assembly and freedom of expression.”

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