

# Stop the unfair federal carbon tax!

To: **The Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister** Fax c/o CFIB: 613 235-4137  
**The Hon. Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change**

Cc: **My Provincial Premier**\_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

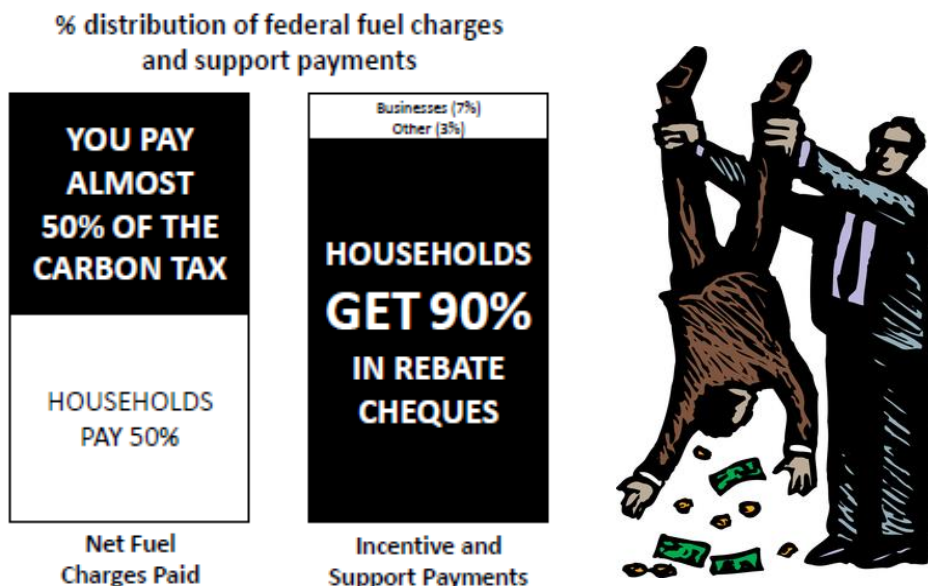
## Your carbon tax plan unfairly burdens my small business.

With consumers receiving 90 per cent of the 'Climate Action Incentive' payments and many large emitters receiving carbon tax exemptions, small businesses like mine will be left holding the bag!

Your government should NOT proceed with imposing the federal carbon tax on my province. My business cannot pass down the new costs of the carbon tax to consumers. I'll have less to invest in jobs or to grow my business. This major tax hike will make my business less competitive and hurt the provincial economy.

I need you to work with the provinces to find a better way to reduce emissions that won't hurt small businesses and the economy.

Carbon tax revenue: \$2.4B in 2019-2020 to \$21.9B in 2023-24<sup>1</sup>



Source: CFIB, Research Snapshot: The Federal Carbon Pricing Backstop, February 2019.

**How will the carbon tax affect your business?** The federal government is imposing a carbon tax in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, and New Brunswick. This tax begins April 1, 2019 and will increase each year until 2022. You will pay more for fossil fuels like gasoline, diesel and natural gas.

**How much will carbon taxes\* cost your business?**

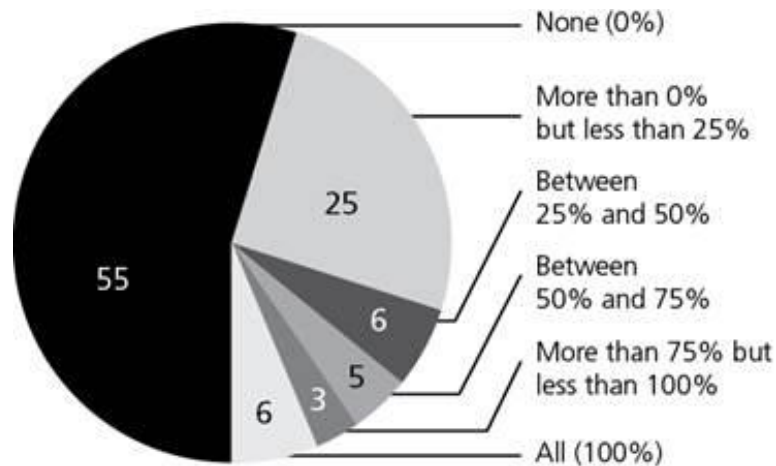
Year	Fuel Type	Increase	Annual Cost (100L/week)	Annual Cost to My Business
2019	Gasoline	4.42 ¢/L	\$229.84	
2020	Gasoline	6.63 ¢/L	\$344.76	
2021	Gasoline	8.84 ¢/L	\$459.68	
2022	Gasoline	11.05 ¢/L	\$574.60	

*Source: Background: Fuel Charge Rates in Listed Provinces and Territories, Finance Canada, 2018.  
\*A carbon tax will also apply to other fossil fuels including diesel, natural gas, and propane.*

**Carbon taxes on gasoline alone will cost my business \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in 2022.**

**The federal government is assuming “full pass-through from businesses to consumers” of the costs of the carbon tax.<sup>2</sup>**

**But this is how much business owners say they’ll really be able to pass on to their customers:**



*Source: CFIB, Carbon Tax Survey, October-November 2018, n=3,527.  
<sup>2</sup> Government of Canada (January 31, 2019). Fall 2018 update: Estimated impacts of the federal pollution pricing system.*

<sup>1</sup> Estimates combined for SK, MB, ON, NB, 2019-20 to 2022-23

\* Includes businesses, municipal, education, healthcare, non-profit and indigenous communities sectors; excludes Output-Based Pricing System participants

Sources: CFIB estimates based on data from Federal Climate Plan, Finance Canada, University of Calgary School of Public Policy

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