



ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN PORT AUTHORITIES
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Statement on CN Rail Service Disruption

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“We hold a deep respect for the Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs and those standing in solidarity with them. However, this continued disruption to Canada's supply chain is having a significant impact on our economy and is being felt by Canadians from across the country, let alone by those who rely on rail service for their livelihood. As Minister Garneau stated in his remarks this morning, this issue deeply affects Canadians on an every-day level, inhibiting access to food and other necessities that allow them to go through their days.

The impacts are being felt immediately. At the ports, we are beginning to see instances where Canada Port Authorities are turning away ships, and cargo is beginning to be rerouted to ports in the United States. In other instances, shippers are looking at alternatives to move cargo, including the use of trucks. When you consider that a single rail car carries the equivalent of about three transport trucks, an extended disruption of rail traffic will have a major impact there as well.

In addition to its effect on the economy and on people, this service disruption has the potential for long-lasting reputational damage to Canada's ports and our transportation system as a reliable and efficient means of moving cargo. We welcome the reopening of the rail line to the Port of Prince Rupert, and urge all parties to move towards a quick and positive resolution in the remaining affected areas – one that will allow cargo and people to move across Canada once again.” **Wendy Zatylny – President, Association of Canadian Port Authorities**

About the Association of Canadian Port Authorities

Founded in 1958, the Association of Canadian Port Authorities (ACPA) brings together 17 ports and related marine interests into one national association. As the leading association for the advocacy and advancement of Canada's port industry — representing all Canadian Port Authorities, various government entities and companies doing business in the marine sector — ACPA is the champion for Canadian ports in matters related to government policy, trade, competitiveness, and public awareness in order to contribute to sustainable transportation. For more information, visit www.acpa-ports.net.

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