

## OCLA calls on MPs to reject the use of the Emergencies Act to crush peaceful protest at Parliament Hill

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Hello Joseph,

Thank you for taking the time to write. Unfortunately, due to the NDP's support the Trudeau Government has found a willing partner in invoking the Emergencies Act. It is our hope they will reconsider their support and the Government's loses the upcoming vote on Monday so that these powers are formally repealed.

Please find enclosed the statement MP Williamson issued regarding the Trudeau Government's serious misuse of federal government powers on Monday, February 14. He also reiterated his opposition to the Emergencies Act in Parliament on Wednesday, February 16.

*Justin Trudeau's Liberal MPs voted against and, with support from New Democrat & Green MPs, defeated a reasonable motion calling on the federal government to provide Canadians with a plan by Feb. 28 indicating when restrictions would end. Passing the motion would have allowed the federal government to demonstrate it is committed to ending illiberal mandates and restrictions on Canadians. It would have also lowered the political temperature by giving people hope the Trudeau government can listen. Justin Trudeau didn't do that.*

*Hours later the Prime Minister instead invoked the Emergencies Act, the reformed and renamed War Measures Act, which gives the federal government and police sweeping and never-before-used powers. The Emergencies Act also suspends civil liberties. This is an outrageous and unnecessary overreach by a Prime Minister who's proven himself unable to govern and lead all Canadians.*

*Justin Trudeau has failed. He thinks using the Emergencies Act makes him look strong, but instead he looks weak by being unable to lead Canada while respecting our rights and freedoms. I will oppose this serious misuse of federal government powers. I will also vote in Parliament to end the Emergencies Act at my first opportunity.*

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