

## Defending truckers against unjust criminal charges



The Justice Centre continues to defend the freedoms of expression, association and peaceful assembly of Canadians who face baseless criminal charges for participating in the peaceful 2022 Freedom Convoy protest in Ottawa. The 16-day criminal trial for Chris Barber and Tamara Lich began on September 5, 2023. Mr. Barber faces charges of mischief, intimidation, obstructing a highway, obstructing a police officer, and counselling others to commit the same offences. John Carpay, President of the Justice Centre, stated, "The 2022 Freedom Convoy was a significant moment in Canadian history. Brave Canadians made a remarkable winter's journey from our coasts and mountains and prairies to the nation's capital to peacefully exercise their *Charter* freedoms, to challenge harmful, unjust, and unscientific government policies, and to start a conversation about the importance of rights and freedoms. We are proud to have supported Chris Barber and so many other truckers, both in 2022 during the protest and to this day."

## Defending Tamara Lich against dangerous civil claim



The Justice Centre is providing legal representation for Tamara Lich and other Freedom Convoy protestors to defend them against a class-action lawsuit brought by Ottawa bureaucrat Zexi Li. Ms. Li and other Ottawa residents are claiming \$290 million over losing a few nights' sleep due to horn-honking. Ms. Li also claims that anyone who donated to the Freedom Convoy should be personally liable to pay damages to Ottawa residents. Ms. Li seeks to set a very dangerous precedent that will harm Canadians' privacy and their freedom to support the causes of their choice.

## Educating Canadians about freedom

The Justice Centre continues to educate Canadians through our curriculum on the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and through our public policy initiatives. Visit the Justice Centre website to purchase a copy of our course on "Exploring Freedom of Expression," to sign our petitions, and to read our policy positions on digital ID and other information technologies.

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## Defending parents, defending children from radical political activists

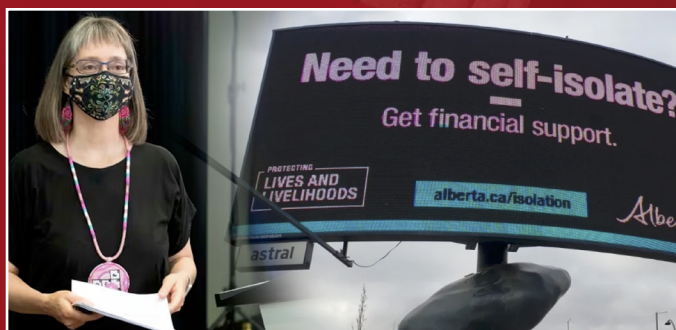


The Justice Centre continues to defend the right of parents to protect and guide their children within and beyond the education system. We applaud Saskatchewan's Parental Consent Policy, which requires schools to receive parents' consent before the names or pronouns of their children under the age of 16 can be changed. The University of Regina Pride Centre for Sexuality and Gender Diversity launched a court action to strike

down this policy. The Justice Centre secured the intervention of two groups who will help defend this policy to protect children: the Gender Dysphoria Alliance and Parents for Choice in Education.

Andre Memaui, counsel for both pro-parent interveners, stated, "The right of children to have the protection, guidance and nurturing of their own parents means that parents must be informed of important developments with their children at school. Parents have an irreplaceable role in the care and upbringing of their children, and their removal in these important decisions would undermine the security of their own children. Moreover, the *Charter* permits imposing many age restrictions on children: they cannot vote, drive, consume alcohol, etc. The fact that a small number of parents are not capable of caring for their children cannot be the pretext for excluding parents altogether from being informed about, and involved with, the development of their own children."

## Ingram ruling impacts Albertans facing charges



In 2020, the Justice Centre challenged Alberta's unscientific lockdown restrictions that unjustifiably violated Canadians' freedoms of association, expression, conscience, religion, and peaceful assembly. More than two years later, on July 31, 2023, in *Ingram v. Alberta*, the Alberta Court of King's Bench invalidated the public health orders made by Chief Medical Officer

of Health Deena Hinshaw, because these rules had in fact been imposed by the Alberta Cabinet rather than by Deena Hinshaw. Thanks to the *Ingram* decision, Alberta Crown prosecutors have dropped charges against Pastor James Coates and his GraceLife Church, Pastor Timothy Stephens and his Fairview Baptist Church, Ty Northcott and his "no more lockdowns" rodeo, and many others supported by the Justice Centre since 2020.

## The bias of Dr. Bonnie Henry challenged in British Columbia Court



In British Columbia, the Justice Centre continues to fight in court against discriminatory Covid rules that unfairly targeted churches by closing them entirely, while letting people shop in stores, eat in restaurants, work out in gyms, etc. The BC Provincial Court Judge has found "some evidence that the [Provincial Health Officer] preferred some faith groups over others," in reference to granting Orthodox Synagogues permission to meet indoors while denying the same requests made by other faith groups. On this basis, Pastor John Koopman seeks to dismiss the prosecution against him because it "risks undermining the integrity of the judicial system."

## Harvest Ministries sues Québec Government



In Québec, the Justice Centre is fighting for the freedoms of expression, association and peaceful assembly of Harvest Ministries, suing the Québec Government over the sudden cancellation of a contract for their "Faith, Fire, Freedom Rally." Québec's Tourism Minister boasted to media that she had directed CEOs to prohibit events like this because suspected pro-life views are "against the fundamental principles of Québec." Harvest

Ministries Pastor Art Lucier stated, "Contrary to what politicians and the media have said, the Rally had nothing to do with being against abortion." Harvest Ministries seeks a court declaration that its rights and freedoms were violated and that the rule of law requires governments to respect all citizens regardless of religious belief and political opinion.

## Defending the bodily autonomy of British Columbia health care workers



The Justice Centre continues to defend Canadians who have been negatively impacted by Covid vaccine mandates. In November 2021, British Columbia Provincial Health Officer Bonnie Henry required all BC health care workers and staff to be injected with the new Covid vaccine. Thousands of people lost their jobs as these orders were expanded over the next 20 months. Today the BC government refuses to rehire these workers because of each

worker's legitimate personal decision in 2021 not to be injected with a new substance for which there is no long-term safety data. The court will hear these challenges in *Tatlock, Koop, Bielecki et al. v. BC and Dr. Bonnie Henry* from November 20 to December 1, 2023.