



Employer groups call for clarity, certainty and a quick court ruling on HST Bill

“We will not appeal”

Vancouver (August 16, 2010) – The following statement was issued today by the six associations who have asked for a judicial review of the anti-HST petition:

“Our legal case is not about politics – it’s about clarity. Knowing whether or not the HST will be the law of the land will provide the small, medium, and large businesses that make up our associations with the clarity and certainty they need to invest and expand for the future.

“The judicial review will provide BC’s employers and British Columbians the certainty our province needs to remain competitive in a fragile global economy. Our concern is that the draft Bill is unconstitutional and that if accepted would result in months of delay in determining the future of the HST. That uncertainty does damage to BC’s investment climate and our economy.

“Certainty will help us create some of the 113,000 jobs expected to come as a result of harmonization by 2020.

“Our members operate everything from the corner convenience store to electrical contractor to international mining and forestry companies. These small, medium, and large business share two things – they employ thousands of British Columbia, and they will be able strengthen British Columbia under harmonization.

“We will not appeal whatever decision is made in the case.”

The six associations launching the judicial review are:

- Western Convenience Stores Association
- BC Chamber of Commerce
- Independent Contractors & Businesses Association
- Council of Forest Industries
- Mining Association of BC
- Coast Forest Products Association

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