

House Resolution 844

By: Representatives Dunahoo of the 30<sup>th</sup>, Kelley of the 16<sup>th</sup>, Benton of the 31<sup>st</sup>, Byrd of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Cantrell of the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and others

### A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing condemnation of Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau using the Emergencies  
2 Act to end truckers' Freedom Convoy; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Freedom Convoy protests were started by Canadian truckers opposing a  
4 COVID-19 vaccine-or-quarantine mandate for cross-border drivers; and

5 WHEREAS, as Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau stated in 2020, "Canada will always  
6 be there to defend the right of peaceful protest"; and

7 WHEREAS, protests are a necessary form of expression in a democratic society; and

8 WHEREAS, even *The New York Times* editorial staff wrote that allowing nonviolent, even  
9 disruptive, protest is an important tool for maintaining social cohesion in a polarized society;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, on February 14, 2021, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau invoked the  
12 Emergencies Act in response to the nonviolent protest; and

13 WHEREAS, Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland warned protesters that their trucks  
14 could be seized, their corporate accounts frozen, and their vehicle insurance suspended; and

15 WHEREAS, Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino stated that the Canadian government  
16 intends to target any American who may have donated to the Freedom Convoy protest effort;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, as the Canadian Civil Liberties Association stated, "Governments regularly deal  
19 with difficult situations and do so using powers granted to them by democratically elected  
20 representatives...Emergency legislation should not be normalized. It threatens our democracy  
21 and our civil liberties"; and

22 WHEREAS, on February 21, 2021, the Canadian Civil Liberties Association called for the  
23 government to revoke the declaration of a public emergency.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body express condemnation of Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau  
26 using the Emergencies Act to end truckers' Freedom Convoy against citizens seeking to end  
27 COVID-19 vaccine-or-quarantine mandates; express support for peaceful protest; and call  
28 for the Canadian government to revoke the declaration of public emergency.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
31 public and the press.