



MAJORITY OF CANADIANS BELIEVE GOVERNMENT SHOULD STEP UP ENFORCEMENT OF DRIVER INC

Driver Inc. has made an uneven playing field in the trucking industry and is creating unfair and illegal disadvantages. Those using the scheme are siphoning up to \$1 billion a year in tax revenues away from vital Canadian services and infrastructure and into the underground economy while circumventing important labour, safety and environmental rules.

Nearly three in four Canadians (73%) support or would accept the federal government taking action to stop Driver Inc — a growing labour misclassification scheme in the trucking industry, which forces or manipulates employees into filing as independent contractors so that the companies can avoid providing important labour rights and entitlements under the Canada Labour Code.



When Driver Inc. was explained, **92% of respondents said the case against Driver Inc. was strongest** because workers under the system do not have the same rights, protections and benefits as those working for compliant companies that don't use the scheme.



Furthermore, **84% indicated a good or adequate argument to enforce the law and stop Driver Inc** was because the scheme deliberately funnels more than a \$1 billion of unpaid taxes into the underground economy.



Additionally, **44% of respondents said the abuse of workers was the most "worrying" aspect of Driver Inc;**



while, alternatively, **36% said they were most concerned Driver Inc would push compliant companies out of business**, further increasing pressure on the supply chain.

The good news is the Government of Canada is listening to industry and beginning to escalate enforcement on Driver Inc. CTA was very encouraged that the issue was acknowledged in the Government of Canada's Fall Economic Statement and more recently, Federal Labour Minister Seamus O'Regan committed to stepping up enforcement through "punitive" labour measures and tools.

Meanwhile, CTA continues to work with other federal departments with enforcement capabilities, like the Canada Revenue Agency, to ensure tax compliance is also a priority.