



# Press Release

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## WHY IS GOVERNMENT ADDING TO THE TAX BURDEN?

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**St. John's** – “The provincial government should be putting its efforts into lowering the tax burden, not adding to it,” says Bradley George, Director of Provincial Affairs for the Newfoundland and Labrador branch of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB). George was responding to the fact that legal costs for Minister John Hickey, in his defamation suit against former Premier Roger Grimes, will be paid from the public purse.

“This is not about who is right or wrong,” says George. “This is clearly about a personal issue adding to the provincial tax burden”.

George says that surveys of CFIB members reveal the tax burden remains a significant concern for small business owners, and a lowering of the tax burden would result in higher wages for workers and job creation.” It was only last week that CFIB met with Minister Tom Marshall to discuss the importance of lowering the tax burden.

According to George, the fact that the IEC approved legal counsel for Liberal MHAs Eddie Joyce and Kelvin Parsons, in a defamation suit against CBC-TV's Here and Now, has no impact on the IEC's most recent decision. “Two wrongs don't make a right?”

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*The Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) is the largest business organization in the country and province, representing independently owned, small- and medium-sized business. CFIB has 105,000 members in Canada, including 1,650 in Newfoundland and Labrador.*

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