Red Tape: Canada’s Hidden tax

“You’re the backbone of the economy, kid. Now get out there and create some jobs!”
About CFIB

- Non-partisan
- Members First
- Not-for-profit

How CFIB hears the your voice:
- We meet entrepreneurs in-person
- We take business owners’ calls
- We ask small business owners’ opinions – these are our marching orders

109,000
4,800 MB

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What makes CFIB unique

- District Managers
  - Meet with members and prospects every day
- Business Resource Counsellors
  - Provide information, interpretation and advocacy to members on business issues
- Survey Research Based
  - Member set policy in a 1 member = 1 vote system
- Privilege programs
Regulatory Environment

- StatsCan surveys
- EI
- CPP
- Privacy
- ROE
- Food labeling
- Labour code
- OHS
- Health inspections
- Permits & licenses
- Land use by-laws
- Signage by-laws
- Property tax
- Business registration
- Environment regulations
- PST collections
- WCB
## 2015 Red Tape Report Card

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*too soon to evaluate the new government’s performance on regulatory accountability*
How confident are you that the Manitoba government is committed to reducing red tape?

- Not confident at all: 71%
- Somewhat confident: 3%
- Not very confident: 22%
- Don't know: 4%

Which PROVINCIAL government regulations are most burdensome to your business in terms of time and money spent on compliance? (Manitoba responses)

- Provincial Sales Tax, Harmonized Sales Tax (PST, HST) 63%
- Workers Compensation, Occupational Health & Safety 61%
- Employment Standards 53%
- Business registration, reporting requirements 28%
- Other Tax Compliance 25%
- Financial (eg. Insurance, securities, banking) 19%
- Environment (eg. Ag & farming, energy, waste & recycling) 14%
- Health permits and inspections 14%
- Selling to government (procurement) 12%
- Consumer Protection 8%
- Food & restaurant inspections 6%
- Liquor and tobacco 4%
- Other 4%

Source: CFIB Mandate Survey #255, July 2014. 308 respondents from Manitoba.
How to Combat Red Tape:

- Regulations should be outcome based rather than prescriptive
- Harmonize regulations where possible with other provinces (AIT, New West Partnership etc)
- Legislate Red Tape Accountability
Questions?

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