

SCHWEITZER 2 FOR 1 BUSINESS REGULATION INITIATIVE

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Alberta conservatives deserve to know about the policies of their leadership candidates and today Doug Schweitzer announced the second part of his plan to create jobs, get spending under control, and get Albertans back to work. Today's announcement comes after the 9/6/3 Plan to reset public sector wages and focused on making Alberta the most competitive business environment in Canada by reducing the amount of unnecessary red tape regulations that are stifling Alberta's economic growth.

Alberta has established a red-tape heavy regulatory environment for small business and has never scored higher than a 'D+' on the Canadian Federation of Independent Business' (CFIB) Annual Red Tape Report Card. CFIB annually judges provincial Governments on measuring and publicly reporting the rules, processes and paperwork that they impose on small business.

The NDP's anti-business policies have worsened the situation, resulting in a 2017 CFIB grade of 'F'.

Should Alberta conservatives form government in 2019, the 2 for 1 Business Regulation Initiative would:

- Eliminate two business regulations for every new business regulation that comes into effect.
- Work hand-in-hand with small business owners and associations in Alberta to identify regulatory efficiencies and cut through red tape in a more open and transparent manner.

"Rachel Notley and the NDP are destroying investor confidence in Alberta. It has to stop. Alberta came in last in the recent CFIB report on red tape. We got an 'F' – the worst grade in Canada. A united conservative government under my leadership would reduce the regulatory burden that local businesses face. We simply have to establish Alberta as the most competitive business environment in Canada. Our 2 for 1 plan will get Government out of the way of small businesses by reducing unnecessary regulations. This will foster investment and growth, which leads to job creation in the private sector. Rachel Notley and the NDP simply have no concept that small businesses are the real engine of the Alberta economy. We have to get this right."

- Doug Schweitzer, candidate for leader of the UCP

In addition to the 9/6/3 Plan to reset public sector wages and the 2 for 1 Plan to reduce unnecessary business regulations, further details of Schweitzer's plan to get Albertans back to work and make Alberta the most competitive business environment in Canada will be released in the weeks ahead.