



## Strange bedfellows? Insurance and political protests clash in the era of COVID

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When Canadian truckers blocked key trade routes to the U.S. over government-mandated health orders, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Parliament invoked the Emergency Economic Measures Order, Canada's first national public order emergency in half a century, to break up the blockade. One component of the government's actions included a restriction on financial services to the truckers, including suspension of property & casualty insurance, as Timothy Darragh [reports](#) in A.M. Best (subscription needed to access). While most insurance policies have exclusions for damage that occurs while committing an illegal act, it is rare that a government proactively requests carriers to suspend coverage because a policy holder is engaged in illegal activity.

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