

'Pure Theft' — GoFundMe Withholds \$9 Million Donated to Truckers Protesting Vaccine Mandates

On the latest episode of The Hill's "Rising," Kim Iversen broke down the latest move by GoFundMe to "steal" millions in funds from the Canadian Freedom Convoy protestors.

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*"The Canadian government has been doing everything it can to stop and hinder the [Freedom Trucker Convoy](#) from continuing," said journalist and political commentator, **Kim Iversen** on the latest episode of The Hill's "Rising."*

Iversen said government officials are issuing \$700 tickets and threatening to arrest anyone who brings fuel or other essential supplies to the truckers.

They also declared a state of emergency in Ottawa, giving police more power to begin towing and removing protestors, Iversen said.

Iversen described how the government successfully pressured GoFundMe to withhold more than \$9 million in donations from the truckers.

It all started when Ottawa **Mayor Jim Watson** announced the city was contemplating legal action against GoFundMe, in the hope of diverting the donations raised on behalf of the truckers to the city's coffers.

Watson [told CBC](#) his "hope" was that GoFundMe would understand that "this is a completely inappropriate use of dollars."

"Unfortunately GoFundMe caved to the political pressure and threats of legal action and announced they wouldn't be dispersing the money to the truckers, and instead the money would be rerouted to approved charities," Iversen said.

Watson [took to](#) Twitter to "sincerely thank" GoFundMe for seizing the trucker's funds and implored other crowdfunding platforms to "take the same position."

Iversen characterized the move as “pure theft.” She said:

“People don’t give money to GoFundMe, people give money to others through GoFundMe. For the platform to take the money and then reroute it to someone other than intended is theft. There’s no other way to put it.”

When donors complained, the platform announced it would offer refunds, but only if, as Iversen put it, donors “jumped through the hoops of filling out forms.”

After several U.S. state attorneys general threatened to sue the crowdfunding platform, GoFundMe announced it would offer automatic refunds.

“Had GoFundMe been allowed to reroute the money, they would have been able to keep their 3% fee, which is probably the reason they didn’t offer refunds automatically,” Iversen argued. “The 3% fee on the \$9 million confiscated is about \$270,000.”

“Extremely shady stuff,” she said.

The peaceful anti-mandate trucking protests are spreading, and “trouble could be heading to DC,” Iversen said.

“A convoy is forming with the intent to head to the nation’s capital to pressure Biden into dropping the [mandates](#),” she reported. “But of course, Facebook [shut down](#) the organizers page.”

“There’s nothing like [Big Tech](#) colluding with the government to censor and silence working class protestors,” Iversen said.

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