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Premier Defends Travel Ban as Class-Action Lawsuit Filed

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Premier Dwight Ball says a response has been prepared to a [class-action lawsuit against the province's travel ban](#). He says this is not about shutting people out, but about protecting the people of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Two local law firms have launched a class action on behalf of those unable to visit their Newfoundland properties because of the travel ban imposed by government.

It's the second such legal challenge of the special order.



The Premier says people have a right to file those claims, but the travel ban is in the name of public health and protection.

He says there are families with loved ones in long-term care who have not been able to visit their family only a kilometre away.



Lawyer Geoff Budden says mobility rights within Canada are protected under the Charter.

He says refusing people access to their property in this province raises all kinds of concerns.

He says you're asking people to walk away from a property in which they may have invested a significant amount of money. Not only is it unfair, but he says it's also inconsistent with Charter rights.

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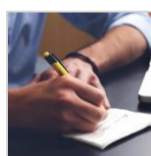
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