

PRESS RELEASE

To the attention of the director of information
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**THE BAR OWNERS AGAIN FACING RADIO SILENCE FROM THE LEGAULT
GOUVERNMENT**

The Union des Tenanciers de Bars du Québec and its president, Mr. Peter Sergakis, as well as the Corporation des Propriétaires de Bars, Brasseries et Tavernes du Québec and its president, Mr. Renaud Poulin, acting as the spokespersons for their respective members, who are deeply disappointed and exasperated by the announcements made today by the Premier of Quebec, Mr. François Legault, during his press conference.

Once again, Quebec bar owners are facing the government's radio silence regarding an eventual resumption of their activities. Although, since the press conference of January 25th, the UTBQ and the CPBBTQ have received an incalculable number of calls from their members, amongst whom the discontent continues to mount given the total obscurity in which they are plunged.

In addition, because of the significant and interminable restrictions imposed on the industry, the UTBQ and the CPBBTQ are genuinely worried that several tenants will carry out their threat and that they will defy, in large numbers, all the sanitary measures currently in force, by simply reopening their licensed establishment(s).

To avoid a possible immense overflow eventually, the UTBQ and the CPBBTQ think that the only solution to be considered is to allow the reopening of all bars in the province no later than February 11th, 2022 to allow them to be in operation for the Super bowl which will be held the following Sunday.

Thus, the UTBQ and the CPBBTQ point out that if they cannot watch this popular event in bars, Quebecers will opt, as an alternative, to hold large gatherings in private homes, which would be much more damaging to the epidemiological situation than if they were to visit their members' establishments, in which the health rules are firmly respected as opposed to the former.