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Ambassador Bridge reopens after six-day blockade

The Ambassador Bridge, the busiest land crossing from the United States to Canada, reopened late on 13 FEB, after a six-day blockade by Canadian truckers protesting vaccine mandates and other COVID-19 restrictions. An injunction filed by the city of Windsor and the Automotive Parts Manufacturers' Association stated that industry entities were losing as much as US\$50 million daily as a result of the closure. Following the court order, Windsor Police made between 20 and 30 arrests and seized multiple vehicles within the perimeter. Police also increased their presence at the demonstration, with over 50 vehicles. This led the number of protestors to decrease from approximately 100 down to 45. END

CMCD Note

We can assess with high confidence that the temporary closure of the Ambassador Bridge will continue to disrupt supply chain distributions for at least the next month, specifically in the US automotive industry. Reports from automotive businesses in the US have indicated that total losses are in likely the \$100s of millions from the closure of this border crossing, which accounts for 25 percent of all trade between the US and Canada. Automotive businesses in the US have also reported that receiving delayed shipments from the closure will likely take weeks.

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