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The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The recent signing of a new trade agreement with Canada and Mexico is a significant breakthrough for free trade and American prosperity. The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) brings U.S. trade policy into the 21st Century by modernizing trade rules in effect since 1994, and the USMCA is an important win for American workers.

With the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement now finalized, Congress has the opportunity to further protect American workers and advance free trade – not just here in the United States but around the globe as well.

We, the undersigned organizations promoting free markets and conservative policy, support exempting Canada and Mexico – two countries that now have a proven track record of cooperating with the new administration – from steel and aluminum tariffs. Such policy will incentivize these entities to continue working with the White House on its *America First* agenda, all while relieving financial pressure on American manufacturers who depend on these critical materials. More, these exemptions will provide relief for other industries ‘whacked’ by retaliatory tariffs. From automobile manufacturers to beer makers, millions of workers will benefit while the American economy continues to expand.

Absolutely, and perhaps most significantly, our military depends on aluminum and steel to defend the nation. Since World War II – for more than seventy years – American tanks, planes, and ships have been built with aluminum produced by our allies like Canada. Tariffs and trade barriers hurt the American economy, stifle opportunities for workers, and threaten U.S. Military Readiness. Exempting Canada and Mexico from these tariffs is good policy, and necessary for a wholly successful agreement.

In the case of the new trade pact, your Administration has been successful in forging a fairer and better alliance between Canada and Mexico. Congress now has the ability to turbo-charge the agreement, and in so doing helping the American economy, future diplomacy, hardworking taxpayers and workers, and our Armed Forces – a ‘free trade trifecta’.

We urge Congress to take the right steps to lift these tariffs. The US-Mexico-Canada Agreement marks an important step forward for North American trade relations. Once it's done, America and her allies will be able to focus attention on the principal threats to free trade.

We urge such action immediately.

Most respectfully,

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