

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
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Dear President Trump:

We write to urge you to use the mandatory six-year review of the renegotiated North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), to make significant and necessary improvements to the pact. In 2020, some of us supported USMCA, some opposed it, and some were not in Congress. Today, we are united in our view that the agreement enacted in 2020 has failed American workers, family farmers, and communities nationwide.

Since enactment of the USMCA, multinational corporations have continued to use the threat of offshoring as leverage wielded against workers standing up for dignity on the job and a share of the profits generated by their hard work – and far too often, enabled by our trade deals, companies have acted on these threats. The U.S. trade deficit with Mexico and Canada has significantly increased, and surging USMCA imports have undermined American workers and farmers and firms in the auto, steel, aerospace, and other sectors. Under the current USMCA rules, this ongoing damage is likely to worsen: Since USMCA, Chinese companies have increased their investment in manufacturing in Mexico to skirt U.S. trade enforcement sanctions against unfair Chinese imports of products like electric vehicles and to take advantage of Mexico’s duty-free access to the U.S. consumer market under the USMCA. These disappointing results contrast with your claims at the time of the USMCA’s launch, when you promised Americans that the pact would remedy the NAFTA trade deficit, bring “jobs pouring into the United States,” and be “an especially great victory for our farmers.”

We urge your administration to use the USMCA review process to undertake a significant renegotiation that addresses the shortcomings of the 2020 agreement and delivers the benefits you promised the American people.

Critically, an updated USMCA must strengthen the USMCA’s Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM), which has had mixed results in enforcing the USMCA’s existing labor standards. Wages and conditions have improved in specific Mexican workplaces due to successful RRM cases brought under the previous administration. But the USMCA has not resulted in the economy-wide gains for Mexican workers, representation by independent unions, and wage increases needed to eliminate incentives to offshore American jobs, and improvements must be made to the RRM to achieve this goal.

Additional provisions in the 2020 USMCA aimed at disincentivizing offshoring and reshoring production must also be restructured or replaced. Key changes should include: improving the

“Labor Value Content” requirement for automobiles; conditioning the USMCA’s benefits for goods and services on workers making a fair wage and enhancing transparency to track wages; establishing a North America-wide minimum wage for manufacturing workers in key sectors; creating a facility-specific environmental RRM similar to the labor mechanism to allow enforcement of emissions reduction and pollution data transparency obligations; and strengthening the regional value content requirements to ensure parts for cars, planes, computers, and more are increasingly made in North America to improve supply chain resiliency. These improvements must also be accompanied by the United States adjusting its Most Favored Nation tariff rates for key manufactured goods, ideally in coordination with Canada and Mexico, to ensure that sufficient enforcement tools exist to deter noncompliance with these rules.

Additionally, to ensure American taxpayer dollars create jobs at home, the USMCA review must also include renegotiation to eliminate the ban on “Buy American” in federal procurement, which requires the U.S. government to treat Mexican and Canadian products as American with respect to federal procurement. The U.S. federal procurement market is many times larger than Mexico’s and Canada’s combined, with more than \$750 billion in procurement annually; a “Buy American” ban thus eliminates a key source of investment in domestic manufacturing. This change will require the three USMCA partners to adjust their procurement commitments at the World Trade Organization, a commitment we urge you to obtain in the USMCA review process.

The USMCA also includes provisions advanced by Big Tech and other monopolistic interests that seek to pre-empt domestic policymaking on key issues from data privacy to drug prices. Certain “digital trade” provisions not included in prior U.S. trade agreements can be used to challenge U.S. federal and state policies to protect Americans’ data and rein in anticompetitive practices by the largest tech corporations. The USMCA digital trade rules on data flows and storage and source code must be eliminated so as not to undermine existing and pending federal and state policies on popular issues like data security and privacy, right-to-repair, and child online safety. The provisions on “non-discrimination” must be modified so as not to undermine your antitrust enforcers’ competition policies and lawsuits.

Additionally, existing USMCA provisions that privilege pharmaceutical monopolies over access to affordable medicine must be eliminated, including “TRIPS-plus” provisions that leave consumers at the mercy of behemoth pharmaceutical companies. A renegotiated USMCA should also include provisions affirming governments’ right to use compulsory licensing to address public health needs and to negotiate for lower prescription medicine prices. We also urge you to fully eliminate the remaining Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) provisions from the USMCA to prevent ISDS tribunals from superseding domestic laws and court rulings.

The USMCA must also be retooled to ensure it works for family farmers and rural communities. Under the 2020 USMCA, big agriculture corporations have raked in enormous profits while family farmers and working people in rural communities suffered. The highly consolidated North American food processors, meat packers, and grain traders charge consumers record-high prices at the grocery store but often pay farmers below the cost of production. To strengthen rural economies, the USMCA must be renegotiated to create fair, stable prices for independent family farmers and require market transparency through mandatory country of origin labeling rules for

beef, pork, dairy, egg and seafood products so consumers know where and how their food is produced.

The improvements that we seek through the USMCA review will require significant renegotiations. In addition to meeting the various statutory congressional consultation requirements of the USMCA implementing legislation, we urge you to provide Members of Congress with a written summary of your views on the scope and goals of the review and renegotiations as soon as possible. And, as renegotiations begin, we urge you to release your administration's USMCA amendment proposals for public comment before formally conveying them to our trading partners and to publicly post renegotiation texts between countries in real time. Ultimately, the revised agreement will require approval by Congress per its exclusive constitutional authority "to regulate commerce with foreign nations" and "to lay and collect ... Duties."

We are keen to work in partnership with you and USTR Greer on these and other issues throughout the USMCA review and renegotiation process. We believe that an agreement that includes the improvements that we note in this letter to ensure the USMCA delivers real benefits for American workers, farmers, and businesses can enjoy wide bipartisan support.

Sincerely,



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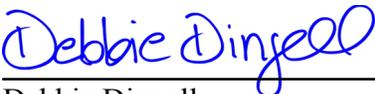
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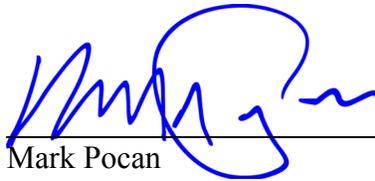
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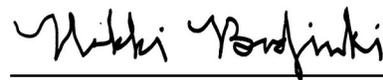
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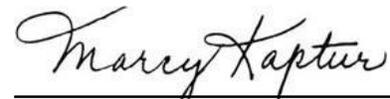
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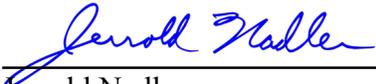
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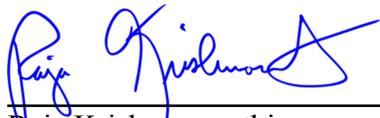
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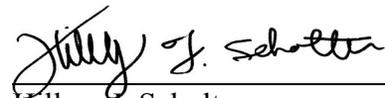
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