

September 3, 2019

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Majority Leader
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
House Minority Leader
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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Senate Minority Leader
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Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McCarthy, Leader McConnell, and Leader Schumer:

Business leaders from across Michigan ask you to support passage of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). Michigan's economic health is dependent on free, fast, and fair trade within North America. For the past 24 years, NAFTA has accompanied expanded economic opportunity in vital Michigan industry sectors such as automotive, agriculture, and manufacturing, and the modernization of this policy via USMCA will help maintain our integrated North American economy.

Nationwide, more than 12 million jobs depend on trade with Canada and Mexico. America's trading relationship within North America results in more exports than our next eleven largest trading markets combined, and these two nations account for one-third of our nationwide agricultural exports. The approval of USMCA provides U.S. businesses the certainty they need to continue economically beneficial investments dependent on access to Canadian and Mexican markets.

In Michigan, exports within North America account for over 180,000 jobs. Michigan is distinctly reliant on North American trade, as only Texas trades more with USMCA nations and 27% of our gross state product is made up from imports and exports from USMCA nations. In 2017, of the \$59.8 billion worth of goods exported from Michigan, over \$37 billion of those exports were to Canada (\$24.8 billion) and Mexico (\$12.5 billion).

Michigan's economy is heavily reliant on manufacturing, particularly in the automotive industry. The new rules of origin in USMCA will ensure that more goods and materials will be manufactured in the United States. Based on information provided from the Office of the United States Trade Representative, the impact of USMCA's new rules of origin will be significantly beneficial to the automotive industry and its workforce, estimating that USMCA will result in \$34 billion in new investments, \$23 billion in new auto parts purchasing, and create 76,000 new automotive jobs over five years.

According to the Michigan Farm Bureau, trade supports over 17,000 agricultural jobs in Michigan. In 2018, Michigan exported \$902 million in agricultural products to Canada and \$174 million to Mexico. Since the implementation of NAFTA, Michigan farmers have exported \$310 billion of agricultural products to Canada and Mexico, a 300 percent increase from pre-NAFTA levels.

In 2012, the State of Michigan and Transport Canada signed an agreement to build a new international crossing between Detroit and Windsor, ON. The bridge, currently under construction, is named after Canadian native and Detroit Red Wings' great Gordie Howe, representing the long-standing partnership and close friendship between the United States and Canada. Our friendship and partnership continues today, along with Mexico. Our economic futures are linked. We support the USMCA and urge your prompt passage.

Sincerely,

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