



Pacific North West Economic Region

2017 - 2018

**PNWER Executive
Committee***

May 31, 2018

Sen. Arnie Roblan
Oregon
President

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Larry Doke, MLA
Saskatchewan
Vice President

Dear President Trump,

Rep. Mike Cuffe
Montana
Vice President

Because our highly integrated steel and aluminum industry supports critically important manufacturing supply chains for our mutual defense partnership, the Canadian exemption from any US tariffs on steel and aluminum should not expire on June 1st, but instead be made a permanent exemption.

Graham Sucha, MLA
Alberta
Vice President

These manufacturing supply chains in both the US and Canada are important for national security. Because of our interdependent economic ties, the proposed 25% steel and 10% aluminum tariffs will have unintended consequences which will seriously impact jobs and local economies in the US and Canada.

Rep. Gael Tarleton
Washington
Vice President

If tariffs are imposed they most likely will lead to higher prices for consumers in the US and in Canada which will limit economic growth. Canada buys more American steel than any other country and accounts for 50% of U.S. exports. The U.S. has a \$2 billion surplus in steel trade with Canada, and US exports of aluminum to Canada support more than 160,000 US jobs.

Rick Glumac, MLA
British Columbia

Sen. Chuck Winder
Idaho

Senator Arnie Roblan, (Oregon) PNWER President: "PNWER stands for the strong economic connection between our two countries. We have the longest open border in the world, and our trade policy should reflect that. The integrated supply chains that allow us to build world class airplanes depend upon stable, reliable, and open trade relationships with Canada that would be disrupted by any tariffs between us."

Rep. Bryce Edgmon
Alaska

Hon. Ranj Pillai
Yukon

"Canada and the U.S. share a long history of economic and security cooperation that has created one of the world's most enduring and prosperous international partnerships. Exempting Canada from the proposed steel and aluminum tariffs is the right choice for both our countries. It would mean these highly integrated industries can continue providing the prosperity and security that support so many businesses and hundreds of thousands of jobs on both sides of the border," said Graham Sucha, Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, and PNWER Vice President.

Hon. Wally Schumann
Northwest Territories

Colin Smith
APEGBC
Private Sector Co-Chair

PNWER supports the modernization of NAFTA to enhance the existing economic relationships within PNWER jurisdictions in a mutually beneficial manner.

Dan Kirschner
Northwest Gas Assoc.
Private Sector Co-Chair

Sincerely,

Dan Ashton, MLA
British Columbia
Imm. Past President

*Partial listing

Sen. Arnie Roblan
PNWER President 2017-2018
Oregon State Legislature

Matt Morrison
Chief Executive Officer
PNWER

CC: Senate President Senator Mitch McConnell
Senate Minority Leader Senator Charles Schumer
Senator Orrin Hatch, Chair of Senate Finance Committee
Senator John Cornyn, Chair of Senate Finance, International Trade, Customs, and Global
Competitiveness Subcommittee
Speaker of the House Representative Paul Ryan
Minority Leader Representative Nancy Pelosi
Representative Kevin Brady, Chair of House Ways and Means Committee
Representative David Reichert, Chair of House Ways and Means Trade Subcommittee
The Pacific Northwest Congressional Delegation
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