May 31, 2018

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

Dear President Trump,

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.

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.

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.

"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.

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

Sincerely,

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

Matt Morrison
Chief Executive Officer
PNWER
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    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
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