



Pacific NorthWest Economic Region

**2017 - 2018
PNWER Executive
Committee***

June 13, 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

From a regional perspective in the Pacific Northwest, disrupting trade between the world's closest allies and largest trading partners is a bad idea.

Graham Sucha, MLA
Alberta
Vice President

Oregon Senator Arnie Roblan, current President of PNWER: "Here in the Pacific Northwest, we are stronger by working closely together, and our relationships are intact because of the ongoing partnerships in every major sector of our economy, and in state, provincial, territorial, local, and tribal governments. The US should exempt Canada from any steel and aluminum tariffs before July 1 and avoid significant disruption to the largest trading relationship in the world."

Rep. Gael Tarleton
Washington
Vice President

The US and Canada's Trading Relationship is incredibly important to the Pacific Northwest. The US and Canada have the largest trading relationship in the world, and here in the Pacific Northwest, we benefit from the two way trade of over \$630 Billion annually, of which \$22 Billion is in the Pacific Northwest. Protectionism will seriously damage the vital economic regional partnership in both of our countries. The steel and aluminum tariffs may cost the US and Canada over \$11 Billion combined, and we could see losses of over 6,000 jobs, according to CD Howe Institute, and this is likely to reduce North American competitiveness and drive competitive gains for China, Japan, and the EU.

Rick Glumac, MLA
British Columbia

Sen. Chuck Winder
Idaho

Rep. Bryce Edgmon
Alaska

Hon. Ranj Pillai
Yukon

This cross border region continues to work closely together every day with our interconnected and interdependent supply chains, and dozens of cross border cooperative agreements on everything from our shared transboundary watersheds, cross border airsheds, climate action, cross border law enforcement, invasive species prevention, forest fires prevention, to defending our shared borders in the 60 year old NORAD (North American Air Defense) System.

Hon. Wally Schumann
Northwest Territories

Colin Smith
APEGBC
Private Sector Co-Chair

Dan Kirschner
Northwest Gas Assoc.
Private Sector Co-Chair

The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) is an example of these interconnections, and the ongoing relationships that make our bi-national region stand out in North America as a place where innovation happens, precisely because of the multi-faceted relationships of trust that have been built up for the past 30 years.

Dan Ashton, MLA
British Columbia
Imm. Past President

PNWER Vice President of Canada, MLA Larry Doke (SK): “We are each other’s largest trading partners, and this benefits people on both sides of the border. We owe it to our constituencies to do everything we can to avoid creating an escalating trade dispute, which no one will win, and to work toward a modernized NAFTA agreement.”

Sincerely,



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
Congressional Delegations from Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Montana, and Idaho
Mr. Wilbur Ross, United States Secretary of Commerce
Mr. Robert Lighthizer, United States Trade Representative
Mr. Douglas Hoelscher, Special Assistant to the President, Deputy Director of
Intergovernmental Affairs