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Dear Members of Congress:

The Pass USMCA Coalition looks forward to working with you to achieve ratification of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement.

The deal ushers North American trade into the 21st century, increasing exports, raising wages, and accelerating innovation. Considering the many ways in which USMCA advantages Americans, we are eager to help promote passage of this critical agreement.

Canada and Mexico are America's two largest export markets. More than one-third of America's exports go to these two markets – and trade with these nations supports 12 million U.S. jobs. These figures will grow if USMCA is ratified.

For the manufacturing industry, Canada and Mexico alone purchase more U.S. manufactured goods than the next 11 trading partners combined. USMCA provisions that will strengthen and protect America's innovation engine, expand U.S. manufacturing access, and level the playing

field with Canada and Mexico are vital for America's manufacturing workers and more than 43,000 small and medium-sized manufacturers that depend on North American trade.

The agricultural industry also stands to benefit mightily if USMCA is implemented.

As one example, America's dairy industry supports more than 3 million jobs. By boosting dairy export access and introducing new trade-friendly rules regarding dairy products, the new trade pact will support those jobs and create new opportunities for further growth.

The U.S. cotton industry is another example. American cotton growers and textile manufacturers exported roughly \$2 billion worth of goods to Canada and Mexico between 2015 and 2017. USMCA enhances regulatory and textile protections that would provide significant benefits to manufacturers of U.S.-origin textile and apparel products.

Also consider America's poultry industry, which supports over 1.9 million jobs and adds over \$495 billion to the U.S. economy, including \$108 billion in wages and \$38 billion in government tax revenue. The new trade pact allows domestic firms to sell more chicken and turkey products to Canada, safeguarding existing jobs and encouraging future industry growth.

USMCA also offers stability for America's fruit growers. Apple exports to Mexico and Canada alone total \$450 million each year. The deal maintains the duty-free access to Mexico and Canada that has allowed these firms to flourish.

Creative industries like the music, film, and software sectors will thrive thanks to stronger copyright rules. USMCA extends the period during which innovators and their families can reap the financial benefits of creative works. The deal also establishes new legal frameworks and protections for digital trade, which didn't exist when NAFTA was ratified. Together, these provisions will give American creators the assurance they need to continue innovating.

American patients also will benefit. Already, the United States develops more than half of the world's medicines and medical devices. By leveling the playing field for advanced, biologic medicines, USMCA will encourage additional biopharmaceutical R&D investments. Such spending would spur the creation of new treatments and cures – and help create more jobs in the already robust biopharmaceutical industry.

America's 30 million small businesses – which export more than \$427 billion in goods every year – will have even greater opportunities to trade internationally thanks to USMCA. One of the deal's provisions takes aim at costly e-commerce trade barriers that limit small businesses' ability to use online portals to increase exports. USMCA also devotes an entire chapter to growing small businesses, which will help small firms expand.

USMCA is a win for workers. If ratified, it will strengthen the United States and positively shape the global economy for years to come. The Pass USMCA Coalition stands ready to work with you and your office to ensure swift ratification of USMCA as negotiated and signed by all three countries.

Sincerely,

The Pass USMCA Coalition

cc: President Donald Trump, The White House
Ambassador Lighthizer, U.S. Trade Representative
Secretary Wilbur Ross, Department of Commerce

