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The Honorable Jamieson Greer
United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20508

Dear Ambassador Greer:

We are writing to you regarding the recent announcement that Section 338 authority is going to be used to apply tariffs to certain Canadian products, and the broader range of trade actions taken against Canada.

Our unions are two of the largest industrial unions in the United States and Canada representing hundreds of thousands of workers across the manufacturing base to strengthen our economies, our national security, and advance our shared goals and interests.

The US-Canada relationship is truly unique in terms of the integrated nature of our economies and an unparalleled defense and intelligence relationship. This relationship is long-term and has resulted in cooperative measures across a host of sectors and interests. Unlike our trade relationship with Mexico, US-Canada trade is more balanced with wage, labor, environmental and other key issues that are aligned and compatible.

Our unions have publicly stated our concerns about the imposition of tariffs against Canada. Each country must ensure that trade is fair and that trade irritants are addressed, however the U.S. trade relationship with Canada over the last year and a half has been marked more by division than cooperation. On behalf of our members on both sides of the border, we call for renewed engagement and negotiations to return our relationship to a more stable, balanced footing.

The administration's Section 338 announcement includes a 30-day delay in the imposition of tariffs. We would welcome the opportunity to work with you to find a better path forward and we commit to continued engagement with our Canadian members and their elected leaders in Canada to do the same. Our priority must be to align our trade policies to address the challenges posed by unfair and predatory trade practices of countries like China, not to drive a further wedge between our nations.

Canadian and U.S. producers and workers help strengthen our defense industrial base, support resilient supply chains and can dampen the impact of unfair trade fueled by non-market policies and players. We must focus on resolving the problems that are fueling the trade divisions that exist.

Our unions have supported several of the administration's trade actions. We will continue our work to abandon the outdated and misguided free trade orthodoxy in favor of trade policies that address the reality of markets and the policies of many of our competitors. We will continue to support policies where we can, however, we must also speak out against policies that undermine our ability to strengthen our economic and national security. Canada has been a trusted and valued partner for decades.

We stand ready to work with you and the administration on these matters and your efforts to strengthen the direction of U.S. trade policy for the future.

Sincerely,

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