

December 9, 2019

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Charles Schumer
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State Legislative Leaders Urge Congress to Pass USMCA
The time is now for the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader McCarthy, and Minority Leader Schumer:

We urge Congress to set partisan politics aside and pass the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). It is critical to workers, small businesses and our statewide economies.

Trade with Mexico and Canada is vital to the U.S. economy. It has been more than two decades, though, since trade with those countries was comprehensively addressed by the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). It is well past time to modernize our agreement with these important partners.

We need a 21st Century trade agreement for the 21st Century economy. The time is now to put USMCA to work for us here at home. This bold new agreement provides the framework for economic growth and increased jobs. It will also establish a much more balanced environment for American workers.

USMCA's updated rules of origin encourage the production of goods in the United States—a win for both manufacturers and for hardworking men and women across this country. The U.S. International Trade Commission estimates that USMCA will increase the United States' GDP by \$68.2 billion and create 176,000 jobs. This includes 76,800 jobs in the U.S. automotive industry.

Additionally, USMCA opens up new agricultural markets to U.S. producers. It provides updated rules for the effective enforcement of intellectual property rights.

The agreement also removes barriers for small businesses so they can innovate, expand and hire more employees.

Our respective state legislative chambers have already passed resolutions asking Congress to ratify USMCA. We believe that USMCA is crucial to our nation's long-term economic growth. We strongly urge you to schedule a vote without further delay.

Sincerely,

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