

December 10, 2019

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

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support for Congressional Approval of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Senate Leader McConnell, Leader McCarthy, and Leader Schumer:

We write in support of swift congressional approval of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). We represent U.S. cities that recognize the importance of sustaining invaluable Western Hemisphere supply chains and increasing trade across North America. While we recognize there remain a limited number of congressional work days this year, we respectfully urge Congress move forward quickly with approval of this important trade deal.

Canada and Mexico remain the United States' top trading partners, and, consequently, local economies are intertwined and American jobs dependent on sustained and strengthened trilateral trade. The USMCA addresses digital trade, e-commerce, and stronger intellectual property rights, modernizing trade rules and bringing trade among North American partners into the 21st century. USMCA's digital trade chapter ensures data can be transferred cross-border and minimizes limits on where data can be stored.

Thanks to the growth of the digital economy, small- and medium-sized enterprises are now active participants in international trade, and they will benefit from the agreement's high-standard digital trade provisions. We also appreciate that the North American trading partners recognized the importance of including language on currency policy, setting a higher standard on this issue for future trade agreements with other global trading partners.

USMCA enjoys bipartisan support among U.S. mayors, and we hope similar support exists in both chambers of Congress. We therefore urge you to schedule a vote on the USMCA implementing bill as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Mayor John Giles
Mesa, Arizona

Mayor Kevin Faulconer
San Diego, California

Mayor Paul Dyster
Niagara Falls, New York

Mayor Jeff Williams
Arlington, Texas

Mayor Christian Price
Maricopa, Arizona

Mayor Dan Pope
Lubbock, Texas

Mayor Doug Nichols
Yuma, Arizona

Mayor Thomas Schoaf
Litchfield Park, Arizona

Mayor Kevin Richardson
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Mayor Bryan Barnett
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Mayor Gail Barney
Queen Creek, Arizona

Mayor David Cook
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Mayor Craig Thurmond
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Mayor Jerry Weiers
Glendale, Arizona

Mayor David Holt
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Mayor Cathy Carlat
Peoria, Arizona

Mayor Nora L. Barraza
Mesilla, New Mexico

Mayor Mark Mitchell
Tempe, Arizona

Mayor Betsy Price
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Mayor Craig McFarland
Casa Grande, Arizona

Mayor Bob Rivera
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Mayor Jonathan Rothschild
Tucson, Arizona

Mayor Roberto Martell
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Mayor Elizabeth Kautz
Burnsville, Minnesota

Mayor Dee Margo
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Mayor Matt Pacifico
Altoona, Pennsylvania

Mayor David Haubert
Dublin, California

Mayor Dane Maxwell
Pascagoula, Mississippi

Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane
Scottsdale, Arizona

Mayor Daryl Seymore
Show Low, Arizona

Mayor Jenn Daniels
Gilbert, Arizona

Mayor Pete Saenz
Laredo, Texas

Mayor Mary Salas
Chula Vista, California

Mayor Dominic Foppoli
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Mayor Timothy McDonough
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Mayor Linda Blechinger
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cc: Ambassador Robert Lighthizer
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