

March 22, 2019

The Honorable Richard Neal
Chairman, Committee on Ways & Means
U.S. House of Representatives
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin Brady
Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means
U.S. House of Representatives
1139 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Neal and Ranking Member Brady:

The Council of the Americas strongly supports the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement and urges its timely ratification. We believe that this agreement, once implemented, will strengthen the U.S. economy and support our national and geostrategic interests.

Since our founding over 50 years ago, we have been strong advocates for a robust, economically strong North America as a pillar of U.S. competitiveness. Today, this is true more than ever.

The Council of the Americas recently communicated our strong support for USMCA to the administration. At the same time, we also shared our concerns regarding Section 232 steel and aluminum tariffs and the prospect of withdrawing from NAFTA. We know that many members of Congress share these same concerns. As a result, it is our hope that we can encourage consideration of USMCA through regular order, which will ensure that all stakeholders are engaged thoughtfully throughout the process.

Please count on the Council and our members during Congressional consideration of USMCA. We look forward to working with you and other members to get this done.

Sincerely,



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