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The Honorable Earl Blumenauer
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Dear Chairman Neal and Chairman Blumenauer:

Thank you for convening the hearing today about enforcement in the USMCA. The United States will be losing out on more jobs, more customers for Made-in-America goods, and a stronger economy unless the House takes up this agreement. We look forward to working with you to approve the agreement as soon as possible while ensuring tough and predictable enforcement so that Americans obtain the full benefit of the many strong wins the agreement contains. We write to highlight several principles that will be our focus in today's hearing and into the future.

First, we need robust and bold trade agreements laying out rules to force other countries to treat U.S. companies and workers fairly when they sell to customers around the world.

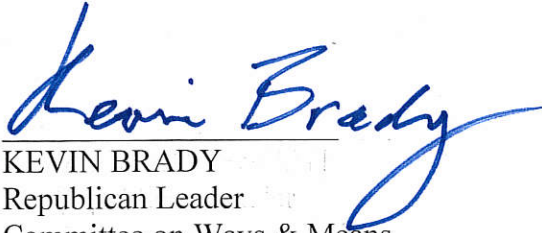
Ninety-five percent of the world's population lives outside the United States, and Americans must be treated fairly when they pursue customers in other markets.

Second, USMCA meets the ambitious standard we seek in trade agreements. In so many areas, including agriculture, digital trade, and intellectual property, USMCA breaks new ground in a way that creates new opportunities for Americans in every sector of our economy.

Third, smart, strong, and effective enforcement of our trade agreements is essential. Robust enforcement makes sure that American workers, farmers, ranchers, and companies see the benefits of the trade agreements we work hard to negotiate. We are eager to work with Democrats and the Administration to ensure comprehensive enforcement of all aspects of USMCA.

We look forward to discussing these important issues with the witnesses today and working on a bipartisan basis to ensure effective enforcement of our trade agreements.

Sincerely,



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