



June 18, 2019

Dear Rep. Estes:

Thank you for supporting enactment of U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) implementing legislation. With your leadership and support, we are confident that USMCA will strengthen two of American agriculture's most important trade relationships and help U.S. farmers, ranchers, agribusiness, and workers realize enhanced economic prosperity through open and fair trade.

The U.S. food and agricultural industry is a major contributor to the U.S. economy, supporting more than 22 million jobs including more manufacturing jobs than any other U.S. manufacturing sector. Agriculture related activity accounts for 20 percent of the U.S. economy. Our industry is the economic backbone of rural America and an essential driver of the overall economy, stimulating employment all along the value chain. See *FeedingTheEconomy.com* for state and congressional district specific data on agriculture related economic impact.

Under the predecessor agreement to USMCA, American food and agriculture annual exports to Canada and Mexico grew over 400 percent, reaching over \$40 billion. USMCA, in addition to securing existing market opportunities, will provide enhanced market access for dairy, poultry, and eggs; establish modern, science-based sanitary and phytosanitary standards that are the gold standard for future trade agreements; and simplify customs procedures. Building on previously established market access and modernizing non-tariff measures, USMCA will deepen the export competitiveness of U.S. food and agriculture, boosting U.S. jobs and economic security.

We commend you for supporting USMCA and propelling this critical legislation one step closer to enactment.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

American Farm Bureau Federation
American Frozen Food Institute
American Soybean Association
Animal Health Institute
Biotechnology Innovation Organization
Cargill Incorporated
Corn Refiners Association
Cotton Warehouse Association of America
CropLife America
Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperatives
Farmers for Free Trade
The Fertilizer Institute

Fresh Produce Association of the Americas
Food Marketing Institute
Global Cold Chain Alliance
Grocery Manufacturers Association
Hardwood Federation
Independent Bakers Association
International Dairy Foods Association
Meat Import Council of America
National Association of Egg Farmers
National Association of Wheat Growers
National Automatic Merchandising Association
National Chicken Council

USMCA COALITION

National Cotton Council
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Grain and Feed Association
National Grocers Association
National Milk Producers Federation
National Oilseed Processors Association
National Renderers Association
National Restaurant Association
National Sorghum Producers
National Turkey Federation
North American Meat Institute
North American Millers Association
Northwest Horticultural Council
Ohio Corn & Wheat Growers Association

Panhandle Peanut Growers Association
Pet Food Institute
Produce Marketing Association
Select Milk Producers, Inc.
Southwest Council of Agribusiness
Sweeteners Users Association
United Fresh Produce Association
U.S. Apple Association
U.S. Apple Export Council
U.S. Dairy Export Council
U.S. Dry Bean Council
U.S. Hide, Skin and Leather Association
USA Poultry & Egg Export Council
Western Peanut Growers Association