



JON HUSTED
LT. GOVERNOR OF OHIO

[Addressed Individually]
Washington, DC 20515

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

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I write to express my continued support for the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) and urge its ratification this year.

Ohio is a leader in manufacturing, and exports help fuel the success of our workers and job creators. Ohioans are known as people who build and create great things, producing everything from vehicles and aircraft to computers and appliances. Ohio is the 5th leading exporter of industrial machinery in the nation with exports totaling nearly \$10 billion in 2018. Of course, Ohio is also a great agriculture state as we export a variety of products from soybeans to poultry. The USMCA will deliver important improvements to secure greater market access for American and Ohio farmers.

Canada and Mexico make up Ohio's two biggest export markets. In 2018, Ohio sent \$21 billion in goods to Canada and nearly \$7 billion in goods to Mexico. Exports to the two countries account for over 51% of Ohio's overall exports, making good and fair trade relationships with them extremely important to the 11.6 million people who call Ohio home.

As Lt. Governor, I also serve as Director of InnovateOhio, which is a new initiative founded by our administration when Governor DeWine and I took office in January. One of the leading purposes behind InnovateOhio is to establish our state as the most innovative and creative state in the Midwest. We are working to attract new industries and the jobs of future in order to lay out new opportunities for Ohio's current and emerging workforce.

It is necessary that the United States implement an updated trade agreement with Mexico and Canada to reflect the dramatic technological changes that have occurred since ratification of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The new agreement will better serve the interests of American innovators, workers, farmers and job creators. Mutually beneficial trade leads to freer markets, fairer trade, and greater economic growth in the United States and across North America.

I ask you to vote in favor of the USMCA as soon as possible and encourage Ohio's entire Congressional Delegation to support ratification.

USMCA, Lt. Governor Husted

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My best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jon Husted". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jon A. Husted

Lt. Governor of Ohio

cc: The Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United States
The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House