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Dear Duly Elected Republican Members of Congress:

I write to you today to urge you to call on President Trump to end his reckless and erratic trade war with Canada, our closest trading partner, our neighbor across the Great Lakes, and the buyer of more Wisconsin goods than any other foreign country. This latest trade war only adds insult to injury for the Wisconsin businesses and consumers across our state who are already struggling to make ends meet due to President Trump's disastrous economic policies and tariff taxes. On behalf of Wisconsin farmers, producers, and businesses, I am asking you to publicly call on President Trump to rescind his July 20 proclamations, send negotiators back to the table, and stop messing with Wisconsin farmers, manufacturers, and working families, who are paying the price for these irresponsible actions.

To say that there's a lot at stake for Wisconsin would be an understatement. Last year, Canada bought nearly 28 percent of our state's total exports, amounting to over \$7.5 billion in Wisconsin goods—that's nearly double what we export to Mexico, our next-largest market.

If that already wasn't enough, retaliatory tariffs that take effect on September 8 will cost Wisconsin greatly. Nearly every variety of cheese Wisconsin sells to Canada will face a 25 percent counter-tariff, and milk powders, whey, and other dairy ingredients will face 50 percent. Almost every dairy farmer in Wisconsin will feel the impacts of this, whether they export product or not. Not to mention the corrugated boxes, coated papers, packaging, and tissue products made in the Fox Valley, Green Bay, and Central and Northern Wisconsin will face counter-tariffs of mostly 50 percent, serving as another direct blow to our state, which makes more paper products than any other state in the country and annually results in more than half a billion dollars in sales to Canada.

This all comes as, for nearly 18 months, Republicans in Congress have abdicated their constitutional responsibilities, standing idly by while President Trump imposed, paused, reimposed, and rewrote tariff taxes on our closest trading partners by proclamation, and Wisconsin businesses and consumers have paid the price at every turn. Since President Trump took office for his second term, the average Wisconsin household has spent roughly \$2,035 more on gas, electricity, and tariff-affected goods. That's in addition to Wisconsin businesses, which paid an estimated \$5.4 billion in tariff taxes between March 2025 and June 2026. This is untenable. Families and businesses cannot sustain these pressures, and costs will only continue to grow if Congress fails to act.

The Supreme Court has already struck down the president's earlier tariffs on Canada, a federal trade court has ruled against the ones he imposed to replace them, and each time his answer has been to reach for another law, most recently a 96-year-old statute that had never been used to impose a single tariff. Congress has had many chances to put a stop to this. Both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives have voted to end President Trump's tariffs on Canada, with Republicans joining Democrats in both chambers and yet, not one of you joined them. I am calling on you now, as representatives of the people of Wisconsin, to require congressional approval before new tariffs take effect and refuse to vote for any rule that keeps those bills off the Floor.

Wisconsin cannot afford for you to keep choosing this president's trade war over the farmers, manufacturers, and families you were elected and entrusted to represent. As representatives of America's Dairyland, it is my sincere hope that you will join me in publicly calling on President Trump to rescind his July 20 proclamations and end this unnecessary, harmful, and reckless trade war with our neighbors in Canada.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tony Evers", written in a cursive style.

Tony Evers
Governor