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Ambassador Robert E. Lighthizer  
Office of the United States Trade Representative  
600 17<sup>th</sup> St. NW  
Washington, DC 20508

Dear Ambassador Lighthizer:

I write to insist that you not conclude NAFTA renegotiations unless you meet the President's unambiguous commitment to address dairy issues with Canada, while maintaining existing agricultural market access for American producers selling to Mexico and Canada.

In any trade agreement of this magnitude, our trade negotiators must fight to maintain and expand market access for American agricultural producers by lowering barriers for American-grown exports. The urgency is even higher in the NAFTA renegotiation today, given ongoing market pressures on commodity prices. In particular, American dairy producers have faced both falling prices and unfair Canadian policies that are undermining their ability to sell into the Canadian market.

Less than a year ago, President Trump went to Wisconsin and promised – in clear, unambiguous terms – that he would correct these unfair practices, saying:

We're also going to stand up for our dairy farmers in Wisconsin and I've been reading about it, and I've been talking about it for a long time — and that demands, really, immediately fair trade with all of our trading partners, and that includes Canada. Because in Canada, some very unfair things have happened to our dairy farmers and others... What's happened to you is very, very unfair. It's another typical one-sided deal against the United States. And it's not going to be happening for long.

I urge you not to miss this opportunity to support American agricultural exports, particularly for the American dairy industry as it faces a precarious moment. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Bennet  
United States Senator