

November 13, 2019

The Honorable Tony Evers Governor of Wisconsin 115 East, State Capitol Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor Evers:

As members of the Assembly representing hardworking Wisconsinites across the state, we formally request that you publicly voice your support for the passage of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).

The USMCA is a trade deal for the 21st Century. It <u>levels the playing field</u> with our North American neighbors by removing unfair and predatory trade barriers; <u>strengthens intellectual property protections to support innovators and entrepreneurs</u> between our three nations; and <u>prioritizes American manufacturers</u> in a way that has not been seen in this country for decades. These reforms are necessary to ensure the United States – especially our agriculture and manufacturing sectors – are strong and well-equipped to compete in this modern economy.

The state of Wisconsin and our constituents stand to benefit from the passage of this trade deal. Dairy farmers have been pleading for relief in the wake of <u>historically low milk prices and record high bankruptcies</u>. The USMCA delivers on their appeals, <u>expanding access to Canada's dairy market for milk and cheese producers</u>. This deal will give our farmers a fighting chance and reinvigorate not only the industry as a whole, but the backbone of Wisconsin's economy.

Our colleagues and industry experts seem to agree with this sentiment. Numerous current and former governors, both <u>Democrat</u> and <u>Republican</u>, have announced their support for the USMCA. Every <u>former federal Agriculture Secretary since Ronald Reagan</u> has come out in favor of its passage, and <u>state leaders from across the country</u> are urging Congress to take action.

Therefore, we ask that you publicly proclaim your support for the passage of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement.

Respectfully,

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