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Dear U.S. Trade Representative Greer and Ambassador Callahan,

We respectfully request a briefing from you and your team to the House Agriculture Committee given the importance of agricultural trade to the United States economy.

The upcoming United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) Joint Review represents a critical point in time for Congress, the Administration, Canada, and Mexico to decide how we will approach trade in North America. It is critical that this process be transparent and informative so that Congress can accurately assess the best path forward for American producers, workers, and consumers.

As you stated in your remarks to the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees, the USMCA Implementation Act requires you to report to Congress at the outset of the USMCA Joint Review process. Given the significant impact of trade negotiations on America's agricultural economy, we would appreciate the opportunity to hear directly from you.

The United States is the world's largest agricultural exporter, with total agricultural exports valued at \$176 billion in 2024.<sup>1</sup> Nearly \$59 billion of these exports went to Mexico or Canada.<sup>2</sup> The reduction in trade barriers associated with USMCA has increased agricultural exports to Canada and Mexico. These U.S. agricultural exports support output, employment, income, and purchasing power in both farm and nonfarm sectors. The job support on its own is a critical part of the U.S. agricultural economy: Every \$1 billion of U.S. agricultural exports in 2023 supported approximately 5,997 U.S. jobs.<sup>3</sup>

Building and maintaining export markets is paramount for American agriculture and the efficiency and overall production of U.S. farmers and producers has outpaced domestic demand for products. With this increased output U.S. farmers and agricultural firms need export markets to sustain production and revenues. Due to this demonstrated significance of USMCA and agricultural trade to the U.S. economy, this briefing for the House Agriculture Committee would be crucial for providing greater insight and transparency so that Congress can pave the best way forward during the USMCA Joint Review process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to the possibility of a briefing from you and your team.

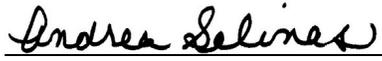
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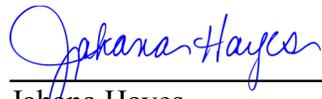
<sup>1</sup> <https://www.fas.usda.gov/data/trade-spotlight-us-agricultural-exports-close-2024-on-strong-note>

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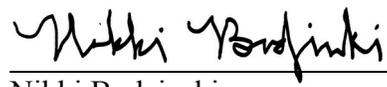
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