

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

November 20, 2018

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing because we stand ready to assist in helping you secure a pathway to Congressional consideration of the recently concluded United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) this 115th Congress.


We are concerned that if the Administration waits until next year to send to Congress a draft implementing bill, passage of the USMCA as negotiated will become significantly more difficult.

It is still possible for the current Congress to consider and vote on the USMCA before the end of the 115th Congress, and do so by using Trade Promotion Authority's procedural protections, including a simple majority vote in the Senate. Your administration can preserve the option of passing the agreement this session by submitting to Congress as soon as possible — and before November 30th — a copy of the final legal text of the agreement and a draft statement of administrative action as required by Sec. 106(a)(1)(D) of the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 (P.L. 114-26). These documents can be transmitted to Congress at any time, including prior to the agreement being signed, and on any calendar day. This step would also start the clock on a mandatory 30-day waiting period before a draft implementing bill may be submitted to Congress on a day when both chambers are in session.

If you choose to pursue consideration of the USMCA before the end of the 115th Congress, we commit to working with you in a consultative manner to draft implementing legislation that could win our votes, as well as a majority in the House and Senate.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We stand ready to assist in helping you secure USMCA passage this Congress.

Sincerely,



Pat Toomey
United States Senator



Lamar Alexander
United States Senator



Steve Daines
United States Senator



Deb Fischer
United States Senator



Jeff Flake
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