



December 3, 2009

The Honorable Barack Obama
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Alliance to Keep U.S. Jobs—a diverse coalition of U.S. manufacturers, companies and agricultural interests—we applaud your efforts to gather key decision makers at the Jobs Summit to identify measures to reverse the current U.S. job trends. Stemming rising unemployment is an essential objective of any program to restore U.S. economic vitality. While federal efforts will likely focus on a mix of additional spending, tax cuts and state assistance, we urge you to consider a chronically overlooked issue that is contributing to added job loss: cross-border trucking with Mexico.

Earlier this year, Mexico began imposing tariffs on a wide array of U.S. manufactured and agriculture products in response to the United States' failure to establish a cross-border trucking program. Unfortunately, these tariffs are now resulting in ongoing job losses that on a daily basis add more Americans to the unemployment rolls. These prohibitive tariffs on \$2.6 billion of domestically produced products have directly reduced U.S. exports to Mexico and resulted in lost jobs for many American workers. The Alliance estimates that more than 25,000 jobs are either threatened or have been lost as a result of the imposition of the retaliatory tariffs.

Each day that passes without a resolution to this trade dispute with Mexico results in more lost jobs and a continued deterioration of one of the United States' most important bilateral relationships. The Alliance to Keep U.S. Jobs urges you to move forward to identify a solution to the cross border trucking issue that puts Americans back to work building and growing products that can compete efficiently for Mexican markets.

Sincerely,

The Alliance to Keep U.S. Jobs



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American Apparel & Footwear Association
American Association of Exporters & Importers
American Chamber of Commerce of Mexico, A.C.
American Chemistry Council
American Cotton Shippers Association
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Feed Industry Association
American Forest & Paper Association
American Frozen Food Institute
American Institute for International Steel
American Meat Institute
American Nursery & Landscape Association
American Peanut Council
American Peanut Product Manufacturers, Inc.
American Peanuts Shellers Association
American Seed Trade Association
American Soybean Association
American Trucking Associations
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Appleton Paper
Apricot Producers of California
Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM)
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
Blue Diamond Growers
Business Roundtable
California Agriculture Issues Forum
California Cherry Export Association
California Dried Plum Board
California Farm Bureau Federation
California Fig Advisory Board
California Grain & Feed Association
California Grape and Tree Fruit League
California League of Food Processors
California Pear Advisory Board
California Seed Association
California Strawberry Commission
California Table Grape Commission
California Tomato Growers Association
California Walnut Commission
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Emergency Committee for American Trade
Fashion Accessories Shippers Association
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Free Trade Alliance
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National Beef Packing Company
National Cattlemen's Beef Association
National Chicken Council
National Christmas Tree Association

National Corn Growers Association
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Electrical Manufacturers Association
National Foreign Trade Council
National Grain and Feed Association
National Grange
National Milk Producers Federation
National Oilseed Processors Association
National Pork Producers Council
National Potato Council
National Renderers Association
National Sorghum Producers
National Sunflower Association
National Turkey Federation
National Watermelon Association
Nestle Purina PetCare Company
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North American Equipment Dealers Association
North American Export Grain Association
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Ohio Alliance for International Trade
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Pacific Egg & Poultry Association
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Plastic Express
Proctor & Gamble
Produce Marketing Association
Retail Industry Leaders Association
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Sunsweet Growers, Inc.
Sweetener Users Association
TBM Carriers, Inc
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Texas Vegetable Association
The Fertilizer Institute
The Hershey Company
The Popcorn Institute
Travel Goods Association
Truss World, Inc.
Tyson Foods
U.S. Apple Association
U.S. Canola Association
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
U.S. Dairy Export Council
U.S. Grains Council
U.S. Hides, Skins, and Leather Association
U.S. Meat Export Federation

U.S. Premium Beef
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Unilever United States, Inc.
United Egg Association
United Egg Producers
United Fresh Produce Association
United States - Mexico Chamber of Commerce
United States Association of Importers of Textiles
and Apparel
United States Council for International Business
United States Dry Bean Council
USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council
USA Poultry & Egg Export Council
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