



The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It has been more than one year since the termination of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Cross-Border Trucking Pilot Program with Mexico and more than fifteen years since the U.S. commitment to allow cross border trucking became law. These lapses and Mexico's subsequent imposition of retaliatory tariffs impacting \$2.4 billion worth of manufactured and agricultural products have cost the United States approximately 25,000 jobs. Until now, many of the companies affected have been paying the tariffs, but they will not be able to operate under these circumstances much longer. In short, more jobs will soon be lost.

We appreciate the support expressed by U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk during his trip to Mexico in February, and in recent statements that resolving the conflict is a top priority for him and the administration. Permitting cross-border trucking would not only lift the tariffs on numerous U.S. industries, but it would also contribute to the administration's goal to double U.S. exports in the next five years.

On March 1, a bipartisan group of 56 members of the U.S. House of Representatives sent a letter to Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood and Ambassador Kirk urging a solution to this persistent problem. Now with their support, and with the funding prohibition for the pilot program lifted, this issue is squarely in the hands of your administration. We reiterate our request for a formal meeting between relevant members of your Cabinet and the private sector and other stakeholders affected by the U.S. failure to meet its long-time commitment.

In keeping with your previous expression of commitment to work with Mexican President Felipe Calderón to find a negotiated solution, his upcoming visit to the White House on May 19 will be an opportune time to finalize a resolution and to honor the obligation undertaken by the United States 15 years ago. Until then, American workers, farmers, and businesses will continue to pay the price in lost sales and lost jobs.

Respectfully,

The Alliance to Keep U.S. Jobs

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 Seed Trade Association  
American Soybean Association  
American Trucking Associations  
Amway  
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  
Campbell Soup Company  
Cargill, Incorporated  
Caterpillar  
Chiquita Brands  
Commodity Markets Council  
ConAgra Foods, Inc.  
Consumer Electronics Association  
Continental Express Inc.  
Corn Refiners Association  
CropLife America  
Dallas Chamber of Commerce  
Dart Container Corporation  
DHL Express USA  
Distilled Spirits Council of the United States  
Emergency Committee for American Trade  
Fashion Accessories Shippers Association  
Free Trade Alliance  
Frozen Potato Products Institute  
General Electric Company  
Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association  
Glatfelter  
Glanbia Foods  
Grocery Manufacturers Association  
Grower-Shipper Association of Central California  
Grower-Shipper Association of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties  
Herbalife International of America, Inc.  
Hormel Foods Corporation  
International Dairy Foods Association  
Jefferson Waterman International  
JR Simplot Company  
Kraft Foods  
Louis Dreyfus Commodities  
Magination Consulting International  
Manatt Phillips  
Mars Incorporated  
Mary Kay, Inc.  
NASDA  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Association of Wheat Growers  
National Barley Grower's Association  
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  
Nestle USA  
Nisei Farmers League  
North American Equipment Dealers Association  
North American Export Grain Association  
North American Millers' Association  
Northwest Horticultural Council  
Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc.  
Ohio Alliance for International Trade  
Oregon Association of Nurseries  
Pacific Egg & Poultry Association  
Panasonic Corporation of North America  
PepsiCo, Inc.  
Personal Care Products Council

Pet Food Institute  
Plastic Express  
Proctor & Gamble  
Produce Marketing Association  
RR Donnelley  
Retail Industry Leaders Association  
Schering-Plough  
Seaboard Foods, LLC  
Smithfield Foods  
STR  
Sunsweet Growers, Inc.  
Sweetener Users Association  
TBM Carriers, Inc  
TechAmerica  
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  
U.S. Rice Producers Association  
U.S. Wheat Associates, Inc.  
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  
USA Rice Federation  
Ventura County Agricultural Association  
Viagen  
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.  
Washington State Council for International Trade  
Western Growers Association  
Western United Dairywomen  
Wine Institute  
Yum Brands