Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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His Excellency Gary Albert Doer
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Embassy of Canada
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Dear Ambassador Doer:

We write to stress to you the importance of key agricultural market access issues, such as those pertaining to dairy trade, which are not yet resolved in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). Strong and comprehensive agricultural market access has always been a critically important element of U.S. free trade agreements. This expectation is no different as Congress now looks towards the conclusion of TPP.

TPP holds tremendous promise for both of our countries, provided that the final elements are successfully concluded. To that end, we wanted to highlight the urgent need for progress with regard to dairy trade.

It is our understanding that Canada has long been unwilling to seriously engage in market access discussions regarding dairy, despite its commitment upon joining TPP to adhere to its high standards. As TPP talks draw towards a close, it is vital to not lose sight of this core goal. It is critical that Canada finally commit to finishing the work left undone in our prior agreements and finally commit to significant and commercially meaningful market access for all remaining agricultural products.

The final dairy market access package with Canada will have a significant impact on how Congress views the final agreement. It will be difficult for us to support Canada's inclusion in TPP if significant new dairy access is not part of the deal.

Sincerely,

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