May 6, 2019

Dear Leader McConnell, Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy:

The undersigned food and agriculture associations and companies strongly support ratification of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). This new agreement includes important improvements that will enable food and agriculture to trade more fairly, and to expand exports of American agricultural products to our North American partners.

The food and agriculture industry welcomed the opportunity to modernize the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Since NAFTA was implemented, U.S. agricultural exports to Canada and Mexico quadrupled from \$8.9 billion in 1993 to \$39 billion in 2017. The International Trade Commission's new report, the *United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement: Likely Impact on the U.S. Economy and Specific Industry Sectors*, determines that the USMCA "would likely have a positive impact on all broad industry sectors within the U.S. economy" and "a positive impact on the U.S. agriculture sector." In fact, the USMCA would raise the U.S. GDP by \$68.2 billion, pumping an additional \$2.2 billion, or 1.1%, into the U.S. economy through increases in agricultural and food exports.

The ITC report confirmed our belief that the USCMA will further increase the benefit to American farmers, ranchers, and agribusinesses by improving market access and customs procedures, establishing modern, science-based sanitary and phytosanitary standards, and enhancing standards for biotechnology and strengthening safeguards for commonly used food names.

Canada and Mexico account for over \$45 billion in U.S. agriculture exports and support more than one million American jobs. In order to build upon that success, Congress must

pass USMCA. On behalf of America's farmers, ranchers, and agribusinesses, we respectfully ask you to vote to ratify the USMCA.

Sincerely,

American Bakers Association American Cotton Shippers Association American Farm Bureau Federation American Feed Industry Association American Seed Trade Association American Soybean Association Archer Daniels Midland Company Bayer California Cherry Export Association California Dairies, Inc. California Pear Growers Cargill, Incorporated CHS Inc. Corn Refiners Association Dairy Farmers of America Darigold Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative Elanco Animal Health **Glanbia** Nutritionals Global Cold Chain Alliance Grocery Manufacturers Association Hilmar Cheese Company, Inc. Illinois Corn Growers Association International Dairy Foods Association Kraft Heinz Company Land O'Lakes, Inc. Mars, Incorporated Midwest Food Products Association Mondelēz International National Association of Egg Farmers National Association of State Departments of Agriculture National Association of Wheat Growers National Chicken Council National Confectioners Association National Corn Growers Association National Cotton Council National Council of Farmer Cooperatives National Grocers Association National Milk Producers Federation

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