



May 10, 2024

Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States of America
Washington, DC

Andrés Manuel López Obrador
President of the United Mexican States
Mexico City

Dear Mr. President Biden and Mr. President López Obrador:

We write to convey our deep concern about recent supply chains disruptions that have harmed businesses and manufacturers on both sides of the United States-Mexico border. Unfortunately, certain federal and state government actions, taken in the context of the ongoing migrant crisis, risk making critical supply chains between the United States and Mexico less resilient and dependable.

Specifically, our organizations are concerned that recent measures taken by federal and state governments have arbitrarily halted, delayed, or throttled the flow of commercial goods crossing the border into the United States. These actions include the sudden closing of ports of entry for undefined periods of time and increasing the inspections of vehicles crossing the border. Such actions have significantly increased congestion around ports of entry, caused delays to cross-border trade, and harmed productive businesses across industries and their employees.

We therefore respectfully urge your administrations to commit to adopt clear, predictable, and transparent measures and processes that eliminate the uncertainty surrounding possible interruptions of cross border trade. We also urge you to avoid closing ports of entry for commercial freight and trucking and refrain from reducing the number of government employees tasked with processing legal trade and travel at ports of entry.

Instead of creating de facto barriers to trade, our two countries should strive to enhance trading ties as the importance of nearshoring and friendshoring accelerates. Doing so will make our manufacturing, energy, and agricultural sectors more competitive globally. Thanks to the USMCA/T-MEC, our two countries are each other's top trading partners and we have made North America among the most competitive trading blocs in the world.

We appreciate that, in your April 28 call with one another, migration was the focus of the conversation, and that you expressed a desire to strengthen the operational efficiency on our shared border. We strongly support your instructions to your respective national security teams to work together to implement concrete measures that significantly reduce irregular border crossings immediately. We also recognize that stronger efforts must be made to help improve the economic conditions in the countries south of Mexico from which many migrants begin their journey northward.

As business organizations active in the U.S.-Mexico border region, we believe our two countries' bilateral relationship holds tremendous promise for the prosperity of our citizens. Together, we are



increasing our competitive standing globally, making bold domestic investments in our economies, and deriving enormous mutual economic benefits from the USMCA/T-MEC.

We thank you both for your attention to these issues. We look forward to working with you to strengthen the economic relationship between our two countries and ensure that our shared border is secure, properly resourced, and well-managed.

Sincerely,

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Jay Timmons
President & CEO
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President & CEO
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Alejandro Malagón
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