



July 23, 2010

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

Dear Mr. President:

The Alliance to Keep U.S. Jobs is a broad-based coalition of over 140 national and state agriculture, business and manufacturing organizations, and companies that represents more than four million U.S. workers. The Alliance is dedicated to resolving the current damaging trade dispute with Mexico over the cross-border trucking program required by NAFTA.

As you are aware, the U.S. failure to implement the cross-border trucking program has led to Mexican tariffs on a broad range of U.S. agriculture and manufacturing products. These tariffs have remained in place for more than a year and have resulted in the loss of many thousands of U.S. jobs, loss of U.S. market share in Mexico for a variety of sectors and harmed the trade relationship with our second-largest export market.

As bad as this situation is, we read with alarm recent comments by a Mexican Government official that Mexico is likely to escalate the damage to U.S. exports if the United States does not proffer a proposed solution “in the next few weeks,” according to comments reported in the July 9th *Wall Street Journal*. Transportation Secretary LaHood has promised for months now that the U.S. was working on such a proposal, though none has been offered to date.

It is now clear that the patience of Mexico has been exhausted due to the absence of swift action by your Administration. We implore you to present a resolution before further economic damage will be inflicted on U.S. exporters as a result of this continuing dispute in the coming weeks. It seems incongruous that at a time when your Administration is focused on increasing exports and creating jobs – a goal we wholeheartedly support and applaud – that no action has been taken on the Mexican trucking dispute that could have saved many thousands of good U.S. jobs and which threatens many more.

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 Regional Chamber
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 Wheat Growers
National Barley Grower's Association
National Beef Packing Company
National Cattlemen's Beef Association
National Chicken Council
National Christmas Tree 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 Dairymen
Wine Institute
Yum Brands