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Honourable Chrystia Freeland,
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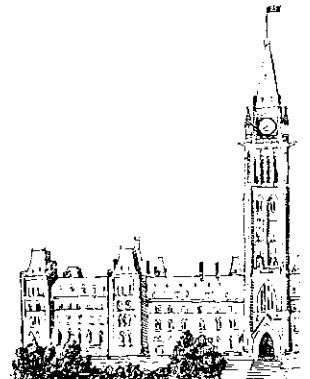
Dear Minister Freeland,

As you are aware, today U.S. President Donald Trump, announced potential new tariffs for the imports of steel, at 25% and 10% for aluminum that are expected to be implemented next week. This is due to the Steel and Aluminum 232 Reports on the United States Department of Commerce's investigations into the impact of imports of steel mill products, as well as wrought and unwrought aluminum, on the national security of the United States.

New Democrats are extremely concerned about how these tariffs will affect our respective industries in Canada and we continue to receive many letters, emails and phone calls from stakeholders and constituents about the Trump administration's targeting on our softwood lumber, aerospace and agricultural sectors.

The entire Canadian manufacturing industry is currently facing extreme uncertainty due to the ongoing negotiations of the North American Free Trade Agreement. With the U.S. administrations' unreasonable "poisoned pill" proposals to change the Rules of Origin, our industries are now faced with yet another serious hit to their sectors. How many rounds of tariffs, will Canada have to endure before your government reaches a durable and fair trade deal with our largest trading partner?

Due to the fact that President Trump has made these harmful tariff decisions today, we ask that you take immediate action to protect these key sectors from unnecessary monetary hardship and safeguard Canadian jobs. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of your obligation to the workers and businesses within the steel and aluminum sectors in Canada and for you to defend Canadian trading interests abroad.



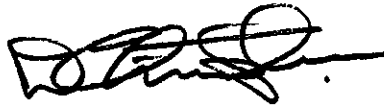
We believe it is the role of the Government of Canada to be strong and stand up for the needs of Canadians during this stressful time of turbulence and uncertainty.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter and we look forward to your immediate response.

Sincerely,



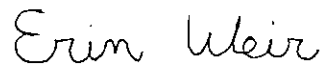
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