



September 19, 2017

The Honorable Robert Lighthizer  
United States Trade Representative  
600 17<sup>th</sup> St NW  
Washington, DC 20508

Dear Ambassador Lighthizer:

National Farmers Union (NFU) supports your efforts to overhaul the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Per the instructions of NFU's Board of Directors through its board resolution, we write to endorse the trade reform recommendations proposed by the Coalition for a Prosperous America (CPA), of which NFU is a member.

NFU supports CPA's proposed changes to NAFTA:

- Reducing bilateral trade imbalances
- Remedies for currency manipulation and misalignment
- Strengthening rules of origin
- Reinstating country-of-origin labeling (COOL)
- Eliminating investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS)
- Automaticity of enforcement of the agreement
- Eliminating provisions on domestic procurement
- Improve wages and labor standards
- Compliance with food, product, and highway safety standards
- Sunset NAFTA in 10 years
- Remedies for perishable and cyclical products
- Addressing border adjustable taxes

In addition to the above, NFU requests that USTR addresses non-tariff barriers that act as hidden tariffs, particularly as it relates to Canada's restrictions on the sale of U.S. wine.

NAFTA has had significant impacts on family farms and rural communities. The U.S. has a trade deficit with Mexico and Canada, despite the fact that agricultural trade has usually been a bright spot in America's ever-growing trade deficit. Agricultural markets and farms have consolidated since NAFTA was agreed to. We urge you to heed the advice of those advocating for the benefits for all consumers and family farmers, rather than corporate profits.

As you renegotiate NAFTA, we urge you to act in the best interest of American farmers, ranchers and consumers, and to restore the United States' sovereignty over farm and food policy. I look forward to working with your administration to reset the nation's failed trade agenda.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Roger" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Johnson".

Roger Johnson  
President  
National Farmers Union