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The Honorable Robert Lighthizer  
United States Trade Representative  
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Dear Amb. Lighthizer:

I am writing to you today asking you to support Iowa's economy and the tens of thousands of Iowans who rely on a healthy trading relationship with Canada by exempting Canada from the 232 tariffs. On June 1, 2018, tariffs on imported steel and aluminum were imposed on Canada after the latest exemption expired. At that time Canada indicated it would levy tariffs on July 1, 2018 on \$12.8 billion worth of U.S. goods, including Iowa produced agricultural and manufactured products.

Canada is Iowa's largest trading partner. In 2017 alone Iowa sent over \$4 billion worth of products to Canada, which accounts for over 30% of Iowa's international trade, and \$1.4 billion of that trade with Canada comes from Iowa's agricultural products. Overall, Iowa's longstanding trading partnership with Canada has led to the creation and support of hundreds of thousands of jobs across the state. These tit for tat trade actions between the U.S. and Canada put Iowans at risk and could have massive economic impacts in my home state.

Section 232 investigations are intended to determine the effect of imports of certain products on the national security of the United States. I am determined to ensure that the United States national security is protected, and support holding those countries, like China accountable for their many years of unfair trade actions. However, I cannot understand what national security threat Canada poses to the United States in this case. For many years they have been a fair and reliable trading partner, particularly when it comes to steel and aluminum.

The uncertainty that these trade actions create in the economy is enormously problematic for Iowa's economy. That is why I encourage you to recommend a permanent exemption from this tariff action for Canada, and I encourage this administration toward a stronger trading partnership with Canada that benefits Iowa workers.

Sincerely,



Dave Loeb sack  
Member of Congress