## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Barack Obama The White House Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Due to the termination of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Cross Border Trucking Pilot Program with Mexico, the United States is now in violation of its bilateral trade obligations with Mexico on international trucking. On March 19, 2009 the Mexican government instituted retaliatory tariffs on \$2.4 billion worth of U.S. manufactured and agricultural exports. The undersigned Members of Congress urge you work expeditiously to resolve this dispute and ensure the United States is upholding its bilateral trade obligations with Mexico.

Mexico is a top market for U.S. exports, providing millions of jobs to U.S. workers. The retaliation is already impacting the ability of a broad range of U.S. businesses to compete in the Mexican market. Many companies are being forced to shift production abroad or simply stop shipments. Over \$1.5 billion in U.S. manufactured products and \$900 million in U.S. agriculture products are impacted by the retaliatory tariffs. In agriculture alone – the retaliation puts over 12,000 jobs at risk.

Mr. President, we would like to work with you and your Administration to move toward a quick resolution on this issue. Further economic harm to U.S. farmers, manufacturers and service providers is something this country cannot afford.

Sincerely,

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