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We, the 79 undersigned groups and businesses, are writing you in support of the United States-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement (USMCA). This trade deal is essential to Iowa farmers, businesses, and families and provides economic predictability that Iowa needs for the future. We encourage you to vote in favor of this agreement.

Over the last 25 years, U.S. food and agricultural exports to Canada and Mexico have more than quadrupled under NAFTA while supporting more than 900,000 American jobs in food and agriculture and related sectors of the economy. USMCA builds on the success of the NAFTA agreement, and will ultimately lead to freer markets and fairer trade. This new trade agreement not only locks in the market opportunities previously developed with our North American neighbors, but it also builds on those trade relationships in a number of key areas. Due to key reforms we expect to build on Mexico's current profile of being an \$18 billion market for U.S. ag products and increase access into the Canadian market. These advances help provide certainty in the North American market, which is essential to the success of American agriculture.

The USMCA is also beneficial for Iowa businesses. The International Trade Commission's report, the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement: Likely Impact on the U.S. Economy and Specific Industry Sectors, concludes that the agreement "would likely have a positive impact on all broad industry sectors within the U.S. economy", raising U.S. GDP by \$68.2 billion.

In 2017, more than \$6 billion of Iowa exports flowed into Canadian and Mexican markets, making the two countries Iowa's top two trading partners. Additionally, the top Iowa export to Canada and Mexico during this time was machinery products representing more than \$1.5 billion. As Iowa companies look to enhance manufacturing and business production in the state, USMCA will enhance their prospects at creating jobs and opportunities for Iowans.

The USMCA also accounts for critically important business aspects that were not adequately addressed under NAFTA. For example, the addition of a digital trade chapter within USMCA will allow for expanded growth in the digital economy for businesses of all sizes. It also provides the freedom to share data across borders while enhancing intellectual property protections.

Iowa businesses depend on free trade to create jobs, expand their business, and make investments in their home communities. This agreement will enhance all aspects of Iowa's economy including agriculture, manufacturing, service industry, and the ever-expanding digital economy.

USMCA is good for Iowa's farmers and businesses. We urge you to support this agreement, and work with Congress to pass USMCA now.

Sincerely,

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Greater Des Moines Partnership  
Iowa Association of Business and Industry  
21st Century Rehab, P.C.  
ADM  
Agribusiness Association of Iowa  
Amana Farms  
Amana Society  
America's Cultivation Corridor  
Ames Chamber of Commerce  
Archer Coop Grain Company  
Bank Iowa  
Bankers Advertising Company  
Bayer Crop Science  
Cedar Rapids Bank & Trust  
Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance  
Champion Seeds  
CHS  
City of Indianola  
City of Urbandale  
Civco Medical Solutions  
Collins Aerospace  
Corteva Agriscience  
Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Dunkerton Cooperative Elevator  
Easterseals  
Fareway Stores, Inc.  
Farmers State Bank  
Fertilizer Dealer Supply  
First National Bank  
General Mills  
Green Plains Inc  
Grimes Chamber & Economic Development  
Growmark, Inc.  
Gulick CPA  
Hi Pro Foods of Iowa, Corp.  
Hormel Foods  
International Paper  
Iowa Bankers Association  
Iowa Biodiesel Board  
Iowa Central Community College

Iowa Corn Growers Association  
Iowa Falls Area Development Corporation  
Iowa Institute for Cooperatives  
Iowa Pork Producers Association  
Iowa Poultry Association  
Iowa Renewable Fuels Association  
Iowa Select Farms  
Iowa Soybean Association  
Iowa State Dairy Association  
Iowa Turkey Federation  
John Deere  
Kent Corporation  
Kepros Physical Therapy and Performance  
King's Material Inc.  
Landus Co-Op  
Legacy Manufacturing Co.  
Magna  
Marion Economic Development Corporation  
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MercyOne  
Point Builders  
Professional Developers of Iowa  
Renewable Energy Group, Inc.  
River Valley Cooperative  
Roquette  
Select Genetics  
Siouxland Energy Cooperative  
SSAB Americas  
Sukup Manufacturing Co.  
Travel Federation of Iowa  
Tyson Foods  
U.S. Bank, Cedar Rapids Market  
Vermeer Corp  
West Liberty Foods  
Wright County Board of Supervisors  
Wright County Economic Development