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His Excellency Gary Albert Doer Ambassador Embassy of Canada Chancery: 501 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Ambassador Doer:

As Ministers for Trans-Pacific Partnership countries prepare to gather in Hawaii to discuss remaining issues, we would like to emphasize the critical importance of an ambitious resolution of outstanding market access issues regarding dairy to the ultimate success of the TPP.

When Canada joined the TPP negotiations, it committed to meet the high standards for the agreement. Since then, three years have passed, the TPP negotiations are now in their final stages, and we understand that Canada has yet to indicate with respect to dairy that it is prepared to provide the level of market access required to reach a deal.

Canada's ability to meet the ambition of the other TPP partners and finally commit to significant and commercially meaningful market access for all remaining agricultural products, including dairy, will have a significant impact on Congress' view of the final agreement. In fact, our support for a final TPP agreement that includes Canada is contingent on Canada's ability to meet the TPP's high standards.

Sincerely,

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