

The Right Honourable Mark Carney Prime Minister of Canada Office of the Prime Minister 80 Wellington Street Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Carney,

On behalf of the NSBA – Saskatoon's Business Association, I would like to extend our sincere congratulations on your election as Canada's new Prime Minister. Your leadership comes at a pivotal time for our country, and we look forward to the positive impact your government will have on Canada's economic growth and global standing.

As an organization representing businesses across Saskatoon and beyond, we recognize the critical importance of strong trade relationships with our closest economic partner, the United States. In recent years, tariffs on both sides of the border have placed unnecessary strain on industries vital to our economies, affecting businesses large and small. We urge your government to prioritize diplomatic efforts with the United States to remove these trade barriers and restore a free and fair-trade environment between our two nations.

The longstanding partnership between Canada and the United States has been built on mutual economic prosperity, and we believe that eliminating tariffs will strengthen our industries, create jobs, and ensure the stability of supply chains that businesses depend upon. Furthermore, rebuilding a cooperative and productive relationship with the U.S. will benefit not only our economies but also our shared strategic interests.

Beyond North American trade, we are also deeply concerned about the impact of escalating tariffs with China, particularly the recent 100% tariff imposed on Canadian canola oil, oil cakes and pea imports, and a 25 per cent duty on Canadian aquatic products and pork in response to Canada's tariffs on Chinese electric vehicles, steel and aluminum products. This measure poses a significant threat to Canadian farmers, agri-businesses, and the broader economy, particularly in Saskatchewan, where canola is a major export. We urge your government to take immediate diplomatic steps to resolve this dispute and protect one of Canada's most important industries from further economic harm.

Prime Minister, we trust in your ability to foster strong international relationships and advocate for policies that will enhance Canada's economic future. The NSBA stands ready to support initiatives that facilitate trade, encourage investment, and strengthen economic ties between our two countries.

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We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue further and collaborate on efforts to promote business growth and stability.

Once again, congratulations on your new role. We wish you success in your tenure and look forward to your leadership in advancing Canada's economic prosperity.

Sincerely,

Keith Moen

Executive Director, NSBA

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Premier Scott Moe