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Dear President Trump, Secretary Rubio, Acting Secretary Pelter, and Acting General Counsel Millán,

We write today with deep concerns about the Trump administration's imposition of 25% tariffs on Mexico and Canada, plus a 10% tariff on energy from Canada. These broad tariffs will devastate Americans already struggling with high prices, kill jobs, and hurt diplomatic relationships with our closest partners. We urge the Administration to rescind the relevant Executive Orders immediately.

These tariffs will destabilize the close trade relationship between the United States, Mexico, and Canada. We have had a free trade agreement for over three decades, encompassing 30% of the global economy and making up the largest trade bloc in the world. Mexico and Canada are top trading partners of the U.S., and trade between the three countries supports more than 12 million American jobs. This close relationship is ever more important as we work to strengthen our regional supply chains and compete with the People's Republic of China.

These tariffs will increase the cost of food, automobiles, oil and gas, critical minerals, and computers for American families. They'll make it harder and more costly to do business on both sides of border. And they'll hurt our efforts to nearshore and create secure supply chains.

President Trump's tariffs will harm our diplomatic ties with our neighbors and undermine our collaboration with them on critical challenges, including national security, drug control, migration, and energy security. Mexico's cooperation on immigration control—including increased interdictions, improved infrastructure at border crossings, bussing, and additional visa

requirements—was a key factor in dramatically decreasing encounters at the U.S. southern border in 2024. And our security agreements allow law enforcement on both sides of the border to share best practices and expand their capacity, making it easier to track criminals, precursor chemicals, drugs, arms, and money.

Meanwhile, Canada and the U.S. jointly monitor aerial and maritime threats to our territory – with such close coordination that Canadian firms are in fact considered "domestic sources" under the Defense Production Act. We have signed agreements and collaborated on multiple task forces to help law enforcement better target narcotic and gun trafficking. Canada is also the largest supplier of U.S. energy imports and has large reserves of critical minerals and materials necessary for both consumer goods and defense equipment.

This Executive Order by President Trump ignores the coordination between the U.S. and our two largest trading partners and instead chooses to slap them with high, across-the-board tariffs. He claims to do this to punish them for not doing enough to stop the flow of migrants and illicit fentanyl, yet these tariffs are in no way targeted to block these flows. The President has many tools at his disposal to tackle these challenges, and he can also work with Congress to directly address them. His use of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) to impose these tariffs is a deliberate attempt to sidestep Congress's constitutional authority to set tariffs. Declaring this emergency is an abuse of power that highlights the lack of a real legal justification for these tariffs.

The *Wall Street Journal* has already labeled the Administration's actions "the dumbest trade war in history" and a "wealth killer," but the real pain will be felt by everyday Americans. These tariffs will be devastating for American consumers and workers and will erode our ability to work with two of our key allies on the migrant and fentanyl crisis. We urge the Administration to immediately rescind the Executive Orders.

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