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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Last week, Mexico walked away from a good-faith effort by the U.S. Department of Commerce to bring its subsidized sugar industry into compliance with U.S. law. The U.S. has given Mexico plenty of chances to trade sugar fairly under NAFTA, but their continued disregard for fair trade is threatening America's efficient farmers and workers.

Here are the facts:

- Mexico's sugar industry is subsidized and inefficient, and until recently, the Mexican government was the country's biggest sugar producer and exporter.
- In 2013, Mexico harmed U.S. producers by dumping 2 million tons of subsidized sugar on the U.S. market.
- The U.S. government found Mexico guilty of violating U.S. antidumping and countervailing duty laws.
- A negotiated settlement to stop Mexico's bad acts is not working and Mexico is still dumping subsidized sugar and distorting the market.
- Mexico's actions, to date, have cost U.S. sugar producers more than \$4 billion.
- Sugar production in Hawaii has ceased entirely because of the resulting market damage, and other U.S. producers may soon follow.

The U.S. Department of Commerce has the chance to bring Mexico into compliance with the law, either through a negotiated settlement that ends the injury caused by their unfair trading practices or through antidumping and countervailing duties.

Unfortunately, Mexico refuses to cooperate and is now trying to blackmail the United States by threatening retaliatory efforts against U.S. corn sweetener exports.

This case provides your administration the perfect opportunity to prove that it will protect American jobs through tough trade enforcement. And by encouraging fair trade with Mexico, it will help ensure that American consumers do not encounter unnecessary supply interruptions or price fluctuations and will continue to have access to homegrown supplies of this vital commodity.

We thank you in advance for ensuring America's trading partners know they cannot violate U.S. trade laws without consequence.

Sincerely,



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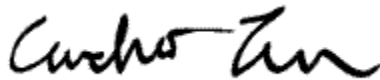


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