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Dear Minister Ng, Secretary Raimondo, Secretary Buenrostro, and Ambassador Tai,

Our organizations represent aluminum producers, recyclers, fabricators and suppliers across North America. As part of continuing efforts to foster cross-border cooperation and strengthen the regional industry in an increasingly competitive global environment, it is vital that our respective governments act to increase monitoring and enforcement of the aluminum trade in the region. This may require specific action at our borders to stop the flow of unfairly traded aluminum – mainly Chinese, Russian, Iranian and Belarusian – consistent with our nations' trade laws and international obligations.

For decades, our industries have relied on cross-border trade within the North American region to help make some of the highest quality and lowest carbon aluminum and aluminum products in the world. In 2019, we came together as a collective industry to support the removal of Section 232 aluminum tariffs on Canada and Mexico in favor of the main spirit of the commercial relationship between our countries.

The aluminum industries in the United States, Mexico and Canada have continued to trade a significant volume of aluminum through this agreement – with the cross-border movement of primary and recycled aluminum; semi-fabricated products; and downstream products incorporating semi-fabricated aluminum moving freely among all three countries. In 2022, our nations traded more than \$47 billion worth of aluminum and aluminum products across the region.

We are encouraged that the Mexican government is committing to regular trade data reporting, through the reinstallation of their data information system, SIAVI. Our organizations look forward to working with Mexican officials – and their U.S. and Canadian counterparts – as they work to reintroduce this system so that the origin of metal imported into Mexico is once again publicly disclosed. Commitments by all three countries to implement an aluminum import monitoring system must also be honored. We support the continued cooperation between our respective countries to expand aluminum import monitoring and disclosure, which is an important component of an integrated aluminum market.



As we move toward the mandated 2026 review of the USMCA – the early stages of which will begin as early as this year – our organizations are calling for the following actions to ensure a successful review and continuity of this vital agreement:

- **Creation of the North American Aluminum Trade Committee:** A North American Aluminum Trade Committee (NAATC) would help to formalize consultation and collaboration between the Canadian, Mexican and U.S. aluminum industries and their respective governments. The group would bring together government, industry and nongovernmental stakeholders to discuss issues and quickly identify and address challenges in the domestic market. This activity is essential to seek reduction and elimination of remaining distortions in North America driven by unfair aluminum trade.
- **Increased Regional Aluminum Import Monitoring:** We are encouraged by recent commitments made by our governments to increase monitoring and data transparency in the aluminum trade. Under the [terms of the agreement](#) removing Section 232 tariffs, each country agreed to “establish an agreed-upon process for monitoring aluminum and steel trade between them.” In subsequent years, both the United States and Canada have stood up new or enhanced aluminum import monitoring programs, but Mexico has not. We urge the Mexican government to join the U.S. and Canada by honoring its commitment for an import monitoring system.
- **Strengthened Regional Trade Enforcement:** Across the region, it is essential that we work to combat the unfair and illegal trade of aluminum which has challenged the global industry in recent years. Both the United States and Mexico were the victims of a significant aluminum transshipment scheme in the mid-2010s in which massive volumes of Chinese aluminum billet was disguised as a different product to avoid hundreds of millions in tariffs. The United States and Mexico have also pursued successful antidumping and countervailing duty (AD/CVD) cases against unfairly traded aluminum from China and other countries over the past several years. Continued vigilance and enforcement of global trade laws in the sector is needed.
- **Full Support of the Aluminum Sustainability Agenda:** Our governments must continue to support industry in its pursuit of decarbonization efforts and the broader aluminum sustainability agenda. This support may include research for next generation production techniques and increased recycling efforts. Aluminum produced in North America is some of the cleanest in the world, with carbon emissions for an average pound of aluminum made in the region [declining more than 50%](#) since 1991. Aluminum is vital to the green energy transition in transportation, power generation, construction, packaging and more.

The free and fair trade of aluminum within North America has benefited our respective industries and the hundreds of thousands of well-paying manufacturing jobs they represent. We stand together in our continued commitment to the USMCA framework to set the conditions through which aluminum can be freely and fairly traded in the region. Looking ahead to the 2026 review of the USMCA, we are confident that the issues we have identified can and will be addressed to ensure continued cooperative trade in the region.

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