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GOVERNOR

STATE OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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Dear Members of the Arizona Congressional Delegation,

As governors of Arizona and Sonora, we know first-hand the complexities and dynamics involved in border issues. With a mutual goal of bettering the lives of citizens of our respective states, we take on matters of commerce, trade, security, health, and education. And regardless of the national politics, we've dedicated ourselves to taking on these challenges together.

We like to say, Arizona and Sonora are more than just neighbors. We're partners — and this partnership is deeply rooted in the values of finding common ground and promoting respect and our mutual best interests.

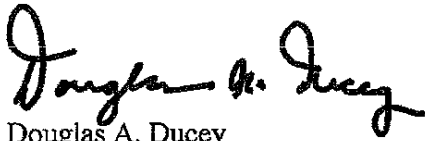
With these principles in mind, we are jointly calling on both our countries to refocus national efforts on ratifying the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) or Tratado Mexico Estados Unidos y Canada (TMEC). This plan was the result of countless hours of negotiations — with concessions on all sides. USMCA/TMEC will bring benefits to both our countries, and help Arizona and Sonora reach our full economic potential.

Last year alone, we saw two-way traffic of approximately 1,500 trains, 800,000 trucks, 25.6 million cars and 50.2 million people crossing the Arizona-Sonora border through the international ports of entry. And two-way trade between Arizona and Mexico was up 7.7 percent for a total of \$16.6 billion, with an estimated \$27.6 billion worth of goods flowing through our ports of entry. But USMCA/TMEC is critical to take this partnership to the next level.

The recent agreement reached between our two countries can and should be used as a stepping stone to move forward on trade. We all agree that tariffs on goods flowing between our states and countries would be a setback to our strong trade relationship, and we are encouraged that the leaders of both of our countries have reached a resolution.

We have a once in a generation opportunity to really propel our relationship to the next level. We are hopeful that both of our federal legislatures will recognize the importance of ratifying USMCA/TMEC so that all our citizens can begin to benefit from the improvements, compromises, and modernization to which all three countries have agreed. The time is now.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas A. Ducey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Douglas A. Ducey
Governor of Arizona

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Claudia". The signature is written in a bold, stylized, cursive font.

Claudia Pavlovich Arellano
Governor of the State of Sonora