



January 14, 2025

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
United States Senate
425 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-2305

Dear Senator Klobuchar,

Barley is an important crop for American farmers, including farmers in the state of Minnesota. The U.S. produces more than enough barley to meet our domestic demand and U.S. barley growers and consumers benefit from exports of barley to Mexico. The incoming Trump administration's proposed tariff on products imported from Mexico threatens to disrupt the U.S.-Mexico trade relationship for farmers and the brewing industry. The tariff could have significant consequences for American farmers who supply the barley and grains essential to Mexican beer production.

Over 130,000 Americans are employed in the wheat, barley, and sorghum farming industries, with more than 9,000 farms across the country. Mexico is a key market for U.S. barley and American farmers would bear the brunt of tariffs on Mexican beer. Mexican beer producers purchase U.S. barley for the production of unique Mexican brands that are exported back to this country for U.S. consumers. Growers, companies and consumers depend on a smooth, tariff-free flow of goods to remain competitive. The proposed tariffs would impose additional costs, penalizing both American farmers, manufacturers and consumers.

Thank you for your continued support of agricultural policies that promote fair and beneficial trade between the United States and Mexico. We urge your support for policies that protect U.S. farmers and ensure the stability and growth of this vital economic relationship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Engstrom". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

President, National Barley Growers Association