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You are my Sunshine...

Oh my, so many gloomy days in a row! These sunless days are why many people cannot live in Western Washington. It's even worse because the winters are wet instead of white, and mossy instead of icy. So why do I love these days? It just feels okay to stay inside and get things done and watch some tv. But I do need some sun 'cuz - I ain't seen the sunshine, since I don't know when...

Today I'm wearing my Sun Studio t-shirt because it has yellow on it, and it says sun, and I'm listening to Mitchell Hall live on KCHK radio, singing some Johnny Cash tunes. Johnny Cash recorded at Sun Studio, as did Elvis. If you ever find yourself in Memphis Tennessee, I highly recommend this tour. Elvis went there over and over, his stick-to-it-ness paid off! I'm curious to know what thing you are working on. What is it that you just KNOW is going to work, but it doesn't feel like it sometimes.

A few years back, during the recession, the businesses that improvised, changed things up, came up with new products and new customers... those are the businesses that are still here! Winter is a slow season for many industries, so they are providing new opportunities for their customers! I'm seeing new menus, new happy hour specials, events in boutiques, new signage... competition is healthy... but success still depends on all of us shopping local. Start in Waconia for all of your business and personal needs. You know I always find a way to say that!

So – who is my sunshine? You are my sunshine. Our business members make it possible for us to have a chamber. You are inspiring. You are ethical. You are smart. Thanks for running your business in a way that supports your employees, your community and the world. Remember that we are here for you. We can answer a boatload of questions – and our resources locally and statewide can help you!

So – speaking of sunshine... thank you Congressmen Emmer for your work on the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). Importing and exporting is a way to find new vendors and new customers. Working with our trading partners is critical and our businesses appreciate it! Please continue reading to learn more about that.

Emmer Attends White House Signing Ceremony of USMCA

Washington, D.C. - Today Congressman Tom Emmer (MN-06) attended the White House Signing Ceremony for the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). Congressman Emmer looked on as the President signed the bill.

"Today is the culmination of the Administration's ongoing efforts to secure better relations with two of our most significant trading partners. The Administration kept the American farmer, producer, and manufacturer in mind as they increased access to critical markets and brought about a more prosperous trade relationship. I applaud the Administration's relentless commitment and I look forward to swift ratification by our Canadian neighbors." **said Emmer.**

USMCA brings many positive changes to Minnesota, including the elimination of Canada's Class 7 dairy pricing scheme for dairy farmers, improved regulatory guidelines for medical device manufacturers, and improved intellectual property protections for Minnesota's entrepreneurs.