

# NAFTA Modernization

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Letters sent to President Donald Trump and Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross supporting a modernized NAFTA

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Public statements opposing steel and aluminium tariffs.

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Public statement opposing newsprint tariffs. Newsprint tariffs were discontinued.

OUR NAFTA MODERNIZATION TASK FORCE PUSHED FOR 10 RECOMMENDATIONS, MOST OF WHICH MADE IT INTO THE FINAL U.S.-MEXICO-CANADA AGREEMENT (USMCA). PNWER ALSO PUSHED TO END SPECIFIC TARIFFS ON UNCOATED PAPER PRODUCTS-- WHICH WERE DISCONTINUED-- AND STEEL AND ALUMINIUM TARIFFS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CANADA.

## Trade

PNWER encouraged the U.S. and Canadian Federal Governments to strive towards a modernized NAFTA that builds upon its current success to further enhance trade and investment in North America. In the U.S., PNWER has communicated our recommendations to the White House, the Department of Commerce, and the United States Trade Representative. In Canada, PNWER presented to the Canadian Parliament on the importance of a tri-lateral NAFTA agreement. PNWER also sent numerous letters asking for Canadian exemption for steel and aluminum tariffs and the repeal of the tariff on Canadian newsprint. Communications with the White House, the NAFTA Resolution, and Modernization Task Force materials are available at [www.pnwer.org/nafta-modernization](http://www.pnwer.org/nafta-modernization).



*"Here in the Pacific Northwest, we are stronger by working closely together, and our relationships are intact because of the ongoing partnerships in every major sector of our economy, and in state, provincial, territorial, local, and tribal governments. The U.S. should exempt Canada from any steel and aluminium tariffs, which are causing significant disruption to the largest trading relationship in the world." - Sen. Arnie Roblan, Oregon*

# & International Trade



OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, PNWER HAS STRONGLY ADVOCATED TO TOP U.S. OFFICIALS THE IMPORTANCE OF A FAIR, FREE, AND STABLE TRADING RELATIONSHIP.

The U.S. and Canada have the largest trading relationship in the world, and here in the Pacific Northwest, we benefit from the two-way trade of over \$630 billion annually, of which \$34 billion is in the Pacific Northwest.

## Tariffs

PNWER sent [six letters](#) this year to the White House and U.S. Department of Commerce on the importance of bi-national trade and opposition to unnecessary tariffs. PNWER issued a statement against tariffs on uncoated paper that was used by Congress in an ITC Hearing. Ultimately, the tariff was discontinued. PNWER worked to galvanize state legislative support against tariffs and in favor of a waiver for Canada on steel and aluminum tariffs. PNWER hosted sessions at the Summit in Spokane and at the Whitehorse Economic Leadership Forum on the impact of tariffs and is working on compiling specific case studies of industries being affected. These case studies will be collected and shared with congressional leaders to illustrate the negative impact of steel and aluminum tariffs to industries on both sides of the border.

**“We believe that unilateral tariffs between the U.S. and Canada go against the principles of free and fair trade and only harm industries in both countries. When markets are open, and goods are transported freely across borders, the results are economic growth, new businesses and more and better job opportunities for individuals.” - Larry Doke, MLA, Saskatchewan**