

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, PC, MP  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
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Dear Prime Minister,

As you prepare to sign the USMCA, I write to you on behalf of Canada's dairy processing industry to join Canada's dairy farmers in once again raising our serious concerns with the concessions made in the USMCA. In particular, we are concerned by the possibility that Canada would grant oversight of our domestic dairy system to the United States.

Like our colleagues at Dairy Farmers of Canada, we too met with officials last month and were told that Canada had not agreed to U.S. oversight and, as such, it would not be included in the final agreement. As we have yet to see a final text with this portion excluded, reports that Canada is preparing to sign the USMCA later this week is extremely concerning to us.

Any measures that would provide another country with a say on how Canada governs its domestic dairy system must not be allowed. This has the potential to stall innovation, hamper decision making and seriously weaken the competitiveness of Canada's dairy sector at home and abroad. For the sake of Canada's dairy sector, and its overall sovereignty, we ask that you please reconsider any plans to sign the USMCA until the issue of U.S. oversight can be properly addressed.

Yours sincerely,



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