

September 27, 2022

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
WASHINGTON DC 20500
USA

Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
OTTAWA ON K1A 0A2

Dear President Biden and Prime Minister Trudeau:

We are writing to request that you immediately restore the pre-pandemic hours of operation at the Canada-United States (U.S.) land border ports, especially given President Biden's recent comments on the pandemic being over. Residents and businesses on both sides of the border have expressed concern that the reduced hours of operation will become permanent. Forcing travelers and businesses to drive to another border crossing with longer hours of operation is simply not economical due to distance, fuel and labour costs. Furthermore, reduced hours of operation at land crossings hurt the economy of the border communities in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Alberta, Montana and North Dakota.

We are also concerned about the economic impact the reduced hours of operation will have on supply chains and trade between Canada and the U.S. This will be to the detriment of the broader Canada-U.S. trade relationship, which has been established through a long-standing history of considerable effort by both countries to ensure that goods and people can continue to move freely across the border.

Resuming pre-pandemic operating hours will ensure *the* efficient and steady flow of people and goods, which will only improve trade activity and reduce inflationary pressure on both sides of the border. In 2021, bilateral trade in goods and services between Canada and the U.S. reached \$1 trillion, which is an all-time high. The world is facing ongoing supply chain issues that continue to disrupt our economies and it is critical that our federal governments provide the necessary resources to ensure that our binational supply chains remain stable and resilient amid global challenges.

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We are committed to working with our federal governments to ensure that the hours of operation at the border ports are restored. We request that Canada and the U.S. work together to reinstate full hours of operation at our shared ports of entry.

Sincerely,

 _____ Scott Moe Premier Province of Saskatchewan	 _____ Greg Gianforte Governor State of Montana	 _____ Doug Burgum Governor State of North Dakota
 _____ Heather Stefanson Premier Province of Manitoba	 _____ Jason Kenney Premier Province of Alberta	

cc: The Honourable Marco E. L. Mendicino, P.C., M.P., Minister of Public Safety
Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security