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### The Value of North American Free Trade

By any measure North American free trade has been a success by serving as a basis to grow Canada's economy and create jobs, and the results speak for themselves. In 2016, total trilateral trade amounted to nearly \$1.3 trillion – more than a threefold increase since North American free trade was introduced in 1994. Source: Global Affairs Canada/Statistics Canada.

### What the Experts Say About USMCA

"The deal gives us comprehensive and largely beneficial access to the American market, so it's essential." - **Stephan Harper, 22nd Prime Minister of Canada**

"I don't see it as NAFTA 2.0, I see it more as NAFTA 0.8." - **Perrin Beatty, President of Canadian Chamber of Commerce**

"It offers certainty for now." - **Jason Kenney, leader of Alberta's Official Opposition**

"The Canadian government sold out Canadian steel and aluminum workers." - **Ken Neumann – Director of United Steelworkers**

"The new agreement maintains the benefits of NAFTA for 90 per cent of agricultural industries." — **Dennis Laycraft, Vice President of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association**

"Granting an additional market access of 3.59 per cent to our domestic dairy market... will have a dramatic impact not only for dairy farmers but for the whole sector. - **Dairy Farmers of Canada**



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Dear Constituent,

Since being elected as your Member of Parliament for Calgary Shepard I have focused on listening to my constituents and then making sure I vote on their behalf in Parliament. As part of my pledge to represent your views in Parliament, I have regularly consulted with you on important issues. The feedback that you provide through the thousands of letters, emails, social media posts, and responses to surveys helps me to better represent you.

The purpose of this survey is to gather feedback on the newly negotiated United States—Mexico—Canada agreement (USMCA). Free trade is extremely important to Canadian jobs and business, and the livelihoods of many Canadians depend on our country’s access to american and mexican markets. In fact, 1 in 5 jobs in Canada depends on international trade.

When the american president began renegotiating the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in 2016, a united Canadian effort emerged to ensure that a new deal was reached that benefited Canadian businesses and workers. Members from all political parties and backgrounds worked together to defend the benefits of North American free trade and keep our hard earned access to the american market.

In this survey I lay out the advantages and disadvantages in the new USMCA trade deal so that residents can understand the pros and cons of the agreement.

I trust you are able to appreciate the importance of returning my community surveys to ensure that I represent our community accurately on this important issue of free trade. I read each of the responses and value the perspectives that constituents share with me.

In your service,

Tom Kmiec

Tom Kmiec, MP  
Calgary Shepard



The full text of the new USMCA can be found online at:  
[www.TomKmiecMP.ca/USMCA](http://www.TomKmiecMP.ca/USMCA)



In 2016, the United States began the process of renegotiating NAFTA, stating that the trade agreement was outdated. This began a long process of negotiations between the three countries. The trade talks came to an end late in November when the newly negotiated USMCA free trade deal was made public.  
Below are some of the main elements of the new deal:



AGRICULTURE

- ⇒ Modifies Canada’s supply management system by allowing U.S. farmers to export the equivalent of 3.6% of Canada’s dairy market into Canada, as well as increased export quantities for certain poultry products.
- ⇒ Eliminates Canada’s fixed pricing schedules for certain dairy products.
- ⇒ Requires countries to regularly meet and discuss the necessity of the supply management system.



AUTO

- ⇒ U.S. steel and aluminum tariffs will continue despite the new deal, which is a failure of the Liberal government.
- ⇒ No hard limit will be placed on Canadian auto exports to the U.S., which will allow Canadian auto manufacturers to continue shipping their products tariff free.
- ⇒ No exemptions for Canadian auto parts if global tariffs are imposed.
- ⇒ Requires 75% of North American cars be produced in the region.



DIGITAL TRADE AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- ⇒ Creates stronger consumer protections in the digital market.
- ⇒ Stops customs and duties from being applied to electronically distributed products such as software, e-books, videos, music, and games.
- ⇒ Reduces the red tape on where data can be stored and processed.
- ⇒ Extends the period that a pharmaceutical drug receives data protection from 8 to 10 years.



ENERGY

- ⇒ Removes the proportionality provisions for energy exports, restoring control to Canadians.
- ⇒ Changes the oil and gas rules of origin to allow Canadian energy exports to more easily qualify for duty-free shipment to the U.S.



ENVIRONMENT

- ⇒ The new deal contains a chapter on the environment dealing with pollution, marine traffic, and endangered animals.



FREE MARKET

- ⇒ Maintains duty-free treatment for almost all good and services traded between the three countries.
- ⇒ Places restrictions on the ability of member countries to enter into free trade agreements with non-market economies, such as China. These limits apply to Canada, the U.S. and Mexico.
- ⇒ Limits the economic power of state-owned enterprises and government designated monopolies that affect trade or investment between the countries.
- ⇒ Maintains the dispute settlement process that allows companies whose products have been unfairly hit with anti-dumping or countervailing duties to request arbitration.



JOBS AND WORKERS

- ⇒ Ensures that the hundreds of thousands of Canadian jobs that depend on continental trade continue to provide for Canadian families.
- ⇒ Prohibits the importation of goods produced by forced or child labour in order to address violence against workers and to ensure that migrant workers are protected under labor laws.

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Do you think the Liberal government did a good job negotiating the USMCA trade deal?

☐ YES

☐ NO

☐ UNSURE

Do you think that free trade has been positive or negative for Canadian jobs and business?

☐ POSITIVE

☐ NEGATIVE

☐ UNSURE

The American President has stated that he will be giving notice to terminate the old NAFTA. This would give Canada six months to ratify the new USMCA deal. If Canada does not ratify the deal, we would lose access to North American free trade. It is also important to consider that the USMCA contains a clause allowing for the deal to be reviewed every 6 years, providing future Canadian governments with an opportunity to negotiate a better deal.

As your Member of Parliament should I vote in favour or against the USMCA free trade deal when it comes to a vote in Parliament,

☐ VOTE YES

☐ VOTE NO

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