

February 16, 2022

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

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 reinstate the vaccine and quarantine exemptions available to cross border truck drivers. We understand the vital importance of vaccines in the fight against COVID-19 and continue to encourage eligible individuals to get vaccinated. However, we are deeply concerned that terminating these exemptions has had demonstrably negative impacts on the North American supply chain, the cost of living, and access to essential products for people in both of our countries.

The timing of your decision to terminate the vaccine and quarantine exemptions could not have been worse, as North America already faces grave supply chain constraints. These constraints, combined with increasing inflation, place significant burdens on the residents of Canada and the United States. Furthermore, transportation associations have informed us that the lack of exemptions will force thousands of drivers out of the trucking industry, which is already facing a significant workforce shortage. The removal of these exemptions is ultimately unnecessary, and we cannot afford to lose any more truck drivers who transport food and other vital supplies across the border.

Again, we urge you to immediately reinstate the exemptions for cross border truck drivers. We welcome collaboration to resolve this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Premier of Alberta

Governor Greg Gianforte

State of Montana

Scott Moe

Premier of Saskatchewan

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The Honorable David Cohen cc:

Ambassador of the United States to Canada

The Honourable Kirsten Hillman Ambassador of Canada to the United States