

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

April 12, 2019

The Honorable Robert E. Lighthizer
Ambassador
Office of the United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C., 20508

Dear Ambassador Lighthizer:

We write to you today to express our support for the North American Development Bank (NADB). The NADB, a binational institution jointly established by the governments of the United States and Mexico, exists to preserve and enhance the environment and quality of life in the border region. Our constituents have experienced firsthand the important contributions that the NADB continues to make to border communities.

The NADB, which is headquartered in San Antonio, Texas, is the only international development bank that finances projects in the U.S., as well as the Mexico border region. In 1993, under the auspices of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and a side accord promoting trilateral cooperation on environmental matters, the U.S. and Mexico agreed to create a new binational institution to promote border projects. Since its creation, in the United States, the NADB has provided \$1.29 billion in loans and grants to leverage total infrastructure investment that exceeds an impressive \$4.6 billion in 113 projects.

Last month, bipartisan legislation was introduced in the Senate and House of Representatives that would allow the NADB to continue investing in environmental infrastructure, international land border crossings and allow additional investment in natural gas projects along the U.S.-Mexico border. Further, the proposed bill authorizes the U.S. Department of Treasury to increase the NADB's capital and outlines policy goals for the Bank to fund projects related to specific natural gas and land port of entry infrastructure.

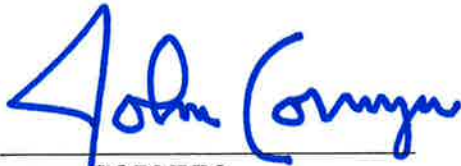
As Congress prepares to consider implementing legislation crafted by your office for the updated United States-Mexico-Canada Free Trade Agreement (USMCA) under Trade Promotion Authority, we ask for your support to use this opportunity to obtain the necessary authorization for the Bank's capital increase. This expansion of project sector eligibility and financing will no doubt assist our country to continue to be leaders in international trade and commerce with Mexico.

The U.S.-Mexico border region is critical to the North American economy and has a significant stake in the health of free trade and in the success of USMCA. Strengthening the NADB would be an important demonstration of the United States' shared commitment with

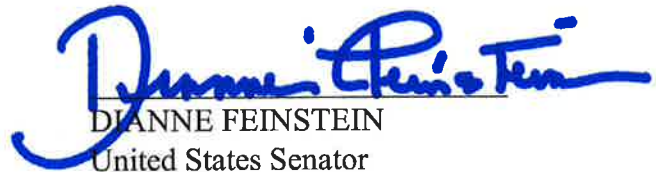
Mexico to build a stable and prosperous border region.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this latter. We look forward to working with you on the consideration of USMCA and other trade related matters.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



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United States Senator



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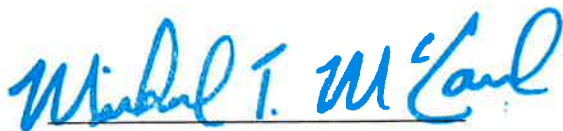
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