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Su Excelencia Andrés Manuel López Obrador
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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States of America
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Dear Presidente López Obrador, Prime Minister Trudeau, and President Trump:

As the leaders of the Confederación Nacional de Organizaciones Ganaderas, the Canadian Cattlemen's Association, and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, we proudly represent the beef cattle producers of Mexico, Canada, and the United States. We write to congratulate you on of the successful implementation of the U.S.-Canada-Mexico Agreement (USMCA/CUSMA/T-MEC) and thank you for continuing to build on the success we have enjoyed as partners.

For three decades, the cattle and beef producers of Mexico, Canada, and the United States actively competed under the trade framework of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and collectively enjoyed the benefits of market-based demand for beef, live cattle and genetics. Together, our organizations worked in unified support of USMCA because it protects market-based principles while making improvements in other sectors to reflect the needs of a modern North American economy. Under USMCA, we will continue to market our products to each other's consumers and meet the demands of a complex and growing North American consumer base. In addition to preserving duty-free trade in live cattle and beef, we are pleased that the existing rules of origin and the vital dispute settlement provisions remain intact, allowing us to continue to build on the success we have all enjoyed as partners.

We are the envy of many countries because of the marketplace freedom USMCA will continue to provide both producers and consumers. International trade is fundamental to the success of North American farmers and ranchers and the full value of the products we sell can only be achieved when we have access to the markets that most value them. In the face of the economic hardships of COVID-19, it is timely and welcome that USMCA enters into force, providing a foundation of economic stability for our rural communities and food systems.

We believe that our economies and our countries will be stronger together through USMCA.

Sincerely,

Sr. Oswaldo Chazaro Montalvo
Presidente, CNOG

Mr. Bob Lowe
President, CCA

Mr. Marty Smith
President, NCBA