



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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The Honorable Ron Kind
Congressional Member
Ways and Means Committee
1502 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear U.S. Representative Kind:

As members of the Wisconsin State Legislature also representing the hardworking people of the 3rd Congressional District, we write you to urge Speaker Nancy Pelosi to hold a vote on the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).

The USMCA has the potential to boost our country's economy and help solidify Wisconsin's growing international presence. As "America's Dairyland," the success of Wisconsin's dairy industry is vital to our state's economic success and a central pillar of our collective identity.

Under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Wisconsin's dairy industry has been structurally disadvantaged. Our dairy farmers face several unfair policies that all but ensure that they will not succeed. For example, Canada's Class 7 milk pricing program allows Canadian producers to undercut Wisconsin farmers' prices, and their quota system restricts the free market by refusing the entry of more Wisconsin products.

Consequently, Wisconsin's dairy farmers are suffering. Nearly 700 Wisconsin dairy farms were forced to shut down last year alone; ending generations of prosperity and tradition. Without banks even offering to extend them credit, Wisconsin dairy farms have continued to lead the country in bankruptcies for three consecutive years.

We have the power to end our constituents' anguish, and it is time that we put politics aside to do just that. The USMCA puts an end to the unfair practices that continue to hurt those at the heart of Wisconsin's economy and pride. Dairy farmers would be free of the obstacles that have stifled their chances for prosperity; finally placing Wisconsin on a level playing field with other North American nations.

All we ask is that you give these dairy farmers a fighting chance, and request that Speaker Pelosi allow the USMCA be put to a vote.

Respectfully,



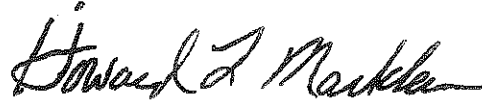
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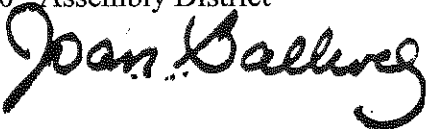
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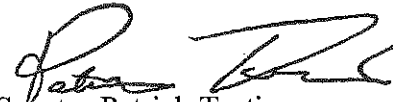
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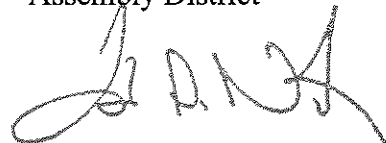
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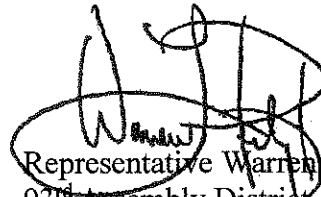
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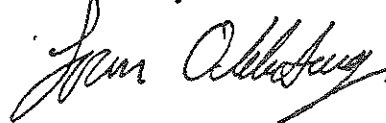
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