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NAFTA: Keep U.S. Energy Leadership Strong

Dear Kevin,

As representatives from the United States, Canada and Mexico meet again this week to negotiate changes to the [North American Free Trade Agreement \(NAFTA\)](#), maintaining policies that have strengthened U.S. energy security is critical.

[Trade partnerships](#) supported by NAFTA provide for a [stable source of energy](#) to supplement our own strong production. As the world's [leading natural gas and oil producer](#), we're importing less and less. And the more of that "less and less" we can source from reliable neighbors in our own continental backyard, the greater our energy security. In fact, projections show North America could be self-sufficient in terms of liquid fuels as soon as 2020.

Just as important are the economic benefits generated by our energy exports to Canada and Mexico. Canada is both our No. 1 source of crude oil imports and the No. 1 market for our crude exports. Mexico is our largest outlet for natural gas exports and the No. 1 export market for U.S. finished motor gasoline, accounting for 52 percent of all U.S. gasoline

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Sincerely,



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