Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

June 22, 2017

Ambassador Robert E. Lighthizer Office of the U.S. Trade Representative 600 17th Street NW Washington, DC 20508

Dear Ambassador Lighthizer:

Upon your May 18, 2017, notification to Congress of the Administration's intent to "initiate negotiations with Canada and Mexico regarding modernization of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)," and pledge that you "will consult closely with Congress in developing our negotiating positions," we write to you to request a meeting with all Members of Congress representing constituencies along the U.S.-Mexico border.

The U.S.-Mexico border region is unique and with over \$579 billion in two-way trade between the US and Mexico in 2016 the border region knows the opportunities and challenges of North American trade better than most. We ask that you sit with us for a substantive discussion of the role this trade plays in the economy of our region and take these considerations into mind as you negotiate a 21st Century NAFTA agreement.

To schedule this meeting you may reach out to

Sincerely,

John Cornyn

United States Senator

Henry Cuellar

Member of Congress