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Border Trade Alliance statement on imposition of tariffs on USMCA trade partners

WASHINGTON – Border Trade Alliance Chairman Pete Sepulveda, Jr. and President Ms. Britton Mullen released the following statements regarding the Trump administration's imposition of new tariffs on USMCA trade partners Canada and Mexico:

BTA Chairman Pete Sepulveda, Jr.

"The Border Trade Alliance cheered when, during his first term, President Trump passed the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, which brought U.S. trade policy into the 21st Century and solidified North America's position as the globe's most economically competitive trading bloc.

"Slapping tariffs on the U.S.' neighbors, friends, and leading trade partners is a major step backward. Tariffs will force domestic prices upward, undermining the president's goal of getting inflation under control, and they risk goods marked 'Made in the USA' being hit with retaliatory tariffs that will cost American jobs."

BTA President Ms. Britton Mullen

"Imposing tariffs on our trade partners risks throwing the North American economy into chaos, costing jobs, and leading to sticker shock for American consumers at the cash register. The BTA will continue to urge the administration to live up to the letter and spirit of the USMCA and to remove this sweeping new import tax on American consumers."

About the Border Trade Alliance

Since 1986, the BTA has served as a grassroots, non-profit organization that provides a forum for discussion and advocacy on issues pertaining to border development and quality of life and trade in the Americas. A network of public and private sector representatives from the United States, Mexico and Canada, BTA's core values include a commitment to improving the quality of life of border communities through trade and commerce. The BTA is online at thebta.org and @borderalliance.