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Border Trade Alliance: Grateful worst-case scenario for USMCA avoided, but new global reciprocal tariffs and maintenance of tariffs on Canada and Mexico comes with economic risk

WASHINGTON—Border Trade Alliance President Ms. Britton Mullen released the following statement regarding President Donald Trump’s announcement of new, reciprocal tariffs on global trading partners and the maintenance of tariffs previously announced on goods imported from Canada and Mexico that are not compliant with USMCA and on steel and aluminum:

“The Border Trade Alliance is pleased that the new baseline 10% tariffs will not apply to USMCA partners Canada and Mexico. We are hopeful that this is a recognition of the value of preserving USMCA’s position as the globe’s most economically competitive trading bloc.

“Still, we remain troubled by the maintenance of tariffs on other goods imported from Canada and Mexico. We believe the U.S. should continue to seek opportunities to remove import taxes, which are passed onto consumers in the form of higher prices.

“This new global tariff policy injects greater cost and uncertainty into the U.S. economy. Our members in the freight and logistics sectors are at risk of disruptions in their business amid lower shipping volumes as importers recalibrate around the new import taxes.

“We are grateful that our USMCA partners were spared new tariffs. Let’s get to work on removing barriers to trade with our friends and neighbors and making trade in North America free and secure.”

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](https://twitter.com/borderalliance).

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