



June 25, 2020

The Honorable Robert E. Lighthizer  
U.S Trade Representative  
[600 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW](#)  
[Washington, DC 20508](#)

Dear Ambassador Lighthizer:

The undersigned trade associations are writing in opposition to any plan to impose tariffs or a quota on importation of aluminum from Canada. The entire supply chain agrees: imposition of a tariff or a quota on importation of aluminum from Canada would be very bad for the US aluminum industry, US manufacturing businesses, and the economy generally.

In manufacturing, you need a stable and predictable supply chain. An open border for trading of aluminum between the US and Canada enhances US manufacturing. The US has imported more primary aluminum from Canada than from any other country for decades. A large percentage of those imports are for the benefit of the US aluminum industry itself. Those imports are also critical to many US companies that are important to our economy overall.

Constraints on imports of aluminum from our country's closest ally, whether in the form of a quota or a tariff, will significantly increase the cost of aluminum in this country. This is particularly troublesome given that most of the US aluminum industry opposes such move and US manufacturing is in the difficult position of trying to recover from the negative effects of the very fluid situation that is the COVID-19 pandemic.

We encourage you to avoid penalizing US manufacturing and the US aluminum industry in this manner.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jim McGreevy in black ink.

Jim McGreevy  
Beer Institute, President & CEO

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Robert Budway  
Can Manufacturers Institute, President

Handwritten signature of Tom Dobbins in black ink.

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The Aluminum Association, President & CEO

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