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Dear Representative,

On behalf of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) and the 600,000 workers that we proudly represent in the United States and Canada, I want to thank you <u>for opposing</u> the newly negotiated United States—Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).

Ten years from now when members look back at this agreement, you will be on the right side of history. You will be able to proudly stand up and say, you knew this was a seriously flawed agreement and that is why you chose not to support the USMCA. You will be able to say you stood with working families and recognized that outsourcing American jobs was imminent and this agreement would not bring jobs back to America.

The New York Times reported manufacturing activity fell to its lowest level in more than a decade, a sign of the fallout from President Trump's trade war. And according to the Economic Policy Institute; trade deficits have eliminated nearly 5 million good-paying American manufacturing jobs over the past two decades and some 90,000 factories. It is our belief the new USMCA will contribute to this trend and American workers will continue to lose.

You had the courage to stand with your convictions and oppose what you knew was wrong. The Machinists Union applauds you and thanks you for your bravery.

Should you have any questions, please contact Legislative Director Hasan Solomon at (202) 420-5902 or via email at hsolomon@iamaw.org.

Thank you,

Robert Martinez, Jr.

International President