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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer,

I am disappointed Speaker Pelosi has chosen to further politicize the impeachment of President Trump by withholding the articles of impeachment and refusing to appoint House managers in a timely manner. We ought not allow this lack of seriousness on the part of House Democrats to stand in the way of the Senate moving forward on the important legislative work the American people elected each of us to accomplish. In particular, passage of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) must be a top priority of the Senate. Should the impeachment process remain stalled, I urge you to move to the consideration of the USMCA implementing legislation upon its discharge from the Senate Finance Committee.

Successfully negotiated and signed by President Trump over one year ago, the USMCA will provide certainty for farmers, ranchers and manufacturers with our country's two largest trading partners. The agreement maintains duty-free access for the vast majority of U.S. agricultural goods, while improving market access for dairy products and wheat exported to Canada. While no trade deal is perfect, the USMCA is needed to modernize our trading relationship with Mexico and Canada to meet the challenges of the 21st Century economy.

The Senate has an obligation to the American people to continue to work on their behalf in spite of the uncertainty hanging over impeachment proceedings. Having received 385 votes in the House of Representatives, the USMCA is an overwhelmingly bipartisan product, making its passage a readily accomplishable achievement. Barring a sudden end to House Democrats' political gamesmanship regarding impeachment, the Senate ought to expeditiously consider and pass this historic agreement.

Sincerely,



Jerry Moran