



**Canada's Premiers Stand with Canadian Workers, Businesses
and Communities Impacted by U.S. Protectionism**

June 15, 2018 – Canada's Premiers stand united with the Government of Canada as it proposes countermeasures in response to the United States (U.S.) federal government's unfounded steel and aluminum tariffs. Premiers also continue to be concerned about the recent unwarranted U.S. tariffs placed on Canadian exports of uncoated groundwood paper (newsprint). Provincial and territorial governments are committed to defending workers, businesses and communities across the country.

The Canada-U.S. trading relationship, historically, has been a model for the world. It is an engine of prosperity and competitiveness on both sides of the border, creating jobs and opportunities for our peoples. Premiers will continue to collaborate closely with their American counterparts in all 50 states.

At its core, the unique Canada-U.S. relationship remains strong. Recent actions by the U.S. federal government run counter to the long-standing security and economic partnerships that Canadians and Americans have developed over the past 150 years. Premiers are confident that the shared interests and deep integration between Canada and the U.S. will overcome these and other trade issues, and urge all parties to constructively focus on an early solution. We believe that common sense will ultimately prevail.

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