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Ambassador Robert E. Lighthizer
U.S. Trade Representative
Office of the United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Ambassador Lighthizer,

Thank you for meeting with me earlier today to discuss the importance of ensuring that the goals of the recently-renegotiated North America Free Trade Agreement's Environment Chapter can be fully realized.

As the ranking member of the Environment and Public Works Committee, the Agreement's Environment Chapter is critically important to me. I appreciate the pledge you made to me at the June 2019 Finance Committee hearing on the President's trade agenda that you will work with Congress to: (1) identify gaps in the resources that are currently available for monitoring and enforcement of the environmental obligations, and (2) determine ways in which environmental stakeholders can be partners with the government to conduct on-the-ground monitoring and ensure enforcement.

As you work with Democrats in the House to continue improving the Environment Chapter, I hope that you will keep in mind these commitments and our conversation today regarding the need for sufficient resources, enhanced monitoring, and improved cooperation to ensure that the goals of these obligations will be met. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Carper". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Thomas R. Carper
United States Senator