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The Honorable Kirsten Hillman  
Ambassador to the United States  
Embassy of Canada  
501 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C., 20001

Dear Ambassador Hillman,

I write today to express my concerns over Canada's administration of dairy tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) under the United States-Canada-Mexico Agreement (USMCA) and to ask you to work with your government to reach a resolution to this ongoing dispute.

As I am sure you are aware, the U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai recently announced that the United States has requested and established a dispute settlement panel to review practices that compromise American farmers' ability to export dairy products to Canada. At issue are notices to importers published by Global Affairs Canada that reserve portions of certain TRQs for processors and 'further processors.' By limiting TRQ volumes to certain Canadian users, the Canadian government is unfairly limiting American access to your dairy markets through these rules.

Canada and the United States – especially Western New York – have many shared economic interests, not least of which are the deep roots of dairy farming in our agricultural communities. As we seek to preserve and grow this industry, we must do so cooperatively.

As the dispute panel formally convenes and commences its work, I ask that you convey to your colleagues the importance of solving this issue to my constituents and counterparts in the United States Congress and support a timely process for settling this dispute. Because of my district's large dairy industry and proximity to the Canadian border, this issue is of particular importance to Western New York. The USMCA was a historic trade deal that furthers the economies of both our nations. But for us to fully realize the benefits of this agreement, we must strictly adhere to its terms and make good faith attempts to resolve one another's concerns.

I value Canada's partnership with the United States and wish to see it continue to flourish. I thank you for your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Jacobs', written over a white background.

CHRIS JACOBS  
Member of Congress