President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500  

Dear Mr. President,  

We write today to bring to your attention concerning actions by the Government of Mexico that threaten U.S. energy companies’ investment and market access and undermine the spirit of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).  

As you know, Mexico is the largest export market for U.S. petroleum products and is a growing market for natural gas exports. In fact, U.S. exports of refined products to Mexico have tripled over the past decade. An integrated North American energy market benefits U.S. fuel manufacturers, workers, and ultimately Mexican consumers.  

Following Mexico’s 2014 constitutional reforms allowing private participation in the Mexican energy sector, U.S. companies invested billions of dollars to develop energy infrastructure in Mexico and in the United States to import fuel from our refineries to satisfy Mexican demand. These investments resulted in positive factors, such as infrastructure development and employment generation on both sides of the border.  

Despite this progress, recent reports indicate that the Mexican government is providing preferential regulatory treatment for Petróleos Mexicanos (PEMEX) and delaying or cancelling outright permits for U.S. energy companies. These anecdotal experiences have recently been given additional credence by a leaked memo from the President of Mexico, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, directing Mexican authorities to use all available resources within the regulatory framework to protect PEMEX and the Comisión Federal de Electricidad (CFE). Additionally, members of the governing party, MORENA, have presented constitutional initiatives that would roll back the historic 2014 Energy Reform and seek to relinquish all contracts currently in force.  

These efforts violate and contradict the spirit, if not the letter, of the USMCA, an agreement among whose primary objectives are to promote growth among the participant countries. Therefore, we are deeply concerned that these actions demonstrate a pattern of obstruction and urge you to find a resolution with the Government of Mexico to keep the current market conditions that the Energy Reform regulatory framework provides, along with certainty and fairness for U.S. companies operating and competing in Mexico.  

We appreciate your consideration of this request.  

Sincerely,
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United States Senator

Ted Cruz
United States Senator

James Lankford
United States Senator

Vicente Gonzalez
Member of Congress

Robert E. Latta
Member of Congress

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The Honorable Wilbur Ross, Secretary of Commerce
The Honorable Dan Brouillette, Secretary of Energy
Ambassador Robert Lighthizer, United States Trade Representative
The Honorable Christopher Landau, U.S. Ambassador to Mexico