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## **Temporary Exemption From U.S. Tariffs Should be Permanent**

### **For Immediate Release**

Ottawa, March 8, 2018 — While the Canadian Chamber welcomes the temporary exemption extended to Canada today on U.S. steel and aluminum tariffs by the U.S. Administration, the waiver must be made permanent and not be linked to the outcome of the NAFTA negotiations.

“Canada should be exempt from these tariffs, fully and without condition. We are a partner of the United States in NATO and NORAD, and Canada’s steel and aluminum industries provide a critical source of supply for American businesses and for American defence needs. Far from being a problem for the U.S., we are their ally, their supplier and their customer,” said the Hon. Perrin Beatty, President and CEO of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. “Holding any threat over Canada’s head does nothing to address the real issue of dumping.”

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce applauds the Government of Canada’s ongoing work to obtain a Canadian exemption, and we are grateful for the strong support provided by so many U.S. political and business leaders.

“It’s in everyone’s interest to reach a fair and workable agreement on NAFTA. Linking the steel and aluminum issue to the trade agreement negotiations will only serve as a distraction, making it more difficult to achieve our shared objective of a modernized NAFTA,” said Mr. Beatty.

The Canadian Chamber remains concerned that these new U.S. tariffs will result in diversion of steel and aluminum from affected countries into Canada. We encourage the Government of Canada to ensure that steel and aluminum are not dumped into Canada, and that the Canadian Border Security Agency is appropriately staffed, resourced and financed to deal with this issue.

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