



Canadian Institute of Plumbing & Heating
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Statement from Canada's Plumbing & Heating Industry to Cross-border Tariffs on Goods with the U.S.

February 3, 2025 – The Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating (CIPH) is disappointed by the events of this past weekend, with tariffs being levied on incoming goods on both sides of the largest trading partnership in the world.

The U.S. and Canada sell more goods to each other than to anywhere else in the world. Each day, \$3.6 billion in goods and services cross the Canada-U.S. border. This amounts to nearly \$1.3 trillion per year, with the livelihood of tens of millions of Americans and Canadians, inextricably linked to this partnership.

CIPH stands with our partners in supporting Canada's efforts to maintain an open border to trade with our U.S. neighbour!

In doing so, CIPH is working to share industry priorities with elected officials and partners, on both sides of the border. We are also focused on assessing and determining next steps, as they relate to the remissions process for the initial round of retaliatory tariffs that Canada is preparing to levy on \$30 billion in goods that are imported from the U.S., including products that are vital to the plumbing and heating industry.

As an industry association that represents nearly 250 companies, many of whom operate on both sides of the border, CIPH is concerned by the serious harm that any escalation will have on supply chains, including, inflationary pressures on building products. These are issues that had finally started to subside, after the global events of the last several years. These supply chains play a critical role in ensuring that products and services are available to build and maintain our homes, schools, hospitals, recreational facilities, and other critical infrastructure.

To date, CIPH has joined many of our partners, urging the Canadian government not to apply retaliatory tariffs to construction material and equipment, especially on plumbing and heating products. Counter tariffs on these products will add to the present supply and affordability crunch that governments in Canada have been working to address. We will continue these efforts, working with partners, and Canadian governments to protect the important work of the construction sector.

We hope that continued dialogue will lead to a timely resolution of this dispute, between our two countries, *"whose geography has made us neighbours, history has made us friends, and economics has made us partners."*

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