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Brody Stapel, President  
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Dear Mr. Stapel:

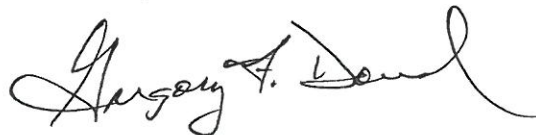
On behalf of Ambassador Lighthizer, thank you for your letter underscoring the importance of exports to U.S. dairy farmers. We understand the challenges dairy farmers face and are committed to maintaining and expanding foreign markets for all U.S. farmers, ranchers, and agricultural processors. We are also working to ensure fair treatment of their products by our trading partners.

Thank you for sharing your concerns about the Administration's recent actions on steel and aluminum. President Trump is committed to vigorous enforcement to defend the interests of American workers, including farmers and ranchers. As we take a stronger approach to the way we handle trade, we will use all of our authorities to protect agricultural interests.

As you know, the President has made it a top priority to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). As reflected in our summary of objectives for the NAFTA renegotiation, updated in November 2017, the Administration seeks to expand competitive market opportunities for and eliminate barriers to U.S. agricultural exports, including for the U.S. dairy industry. In addition, the Administration intends to reach other agreements designed to promote fair, balanced trade and support American jobs and prosperity. The Administration has already begun discussions to achieve these goals.

Thank you again for your letter. We look forward to working with you and other agriculture stakeholders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory F. Doud". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Ambassador Gregory F. Doud  
Chief Agricultural Negotiator