



January 6, 2025

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.  
Prime Minister of Canada  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister:

Canada's Premiers met in Toronto on December 16, 2024, to discuss issues of importance to Canadians, including Canada-U.S. relations, energy security, and health care. We reaffirmed our support for working with the federal government on trade, border security, and Arctic security and sovereignty, including presenting a united front against the U.S. President-elect's stated intent to impose tariffs on imports from Canada.

During our meeting, Premiers agreed to support appropriate action by the federal government in response to any U.S. tariffs, while reiterating that the priority must be to take action to avoid such tariffs. We also stressed that the imposition of tariffs on Canadian imports would be detrimental to both Canadians and Americans. Provinces and territories must be active participants in the design of Canada's response to any tariffs and have a significant role in the upcoming CUSMA review. Premiers also agreed that the federal government must take a proactive approach to secure our borders for Canadians.

It has never been more important that Canada demonstrate stability, strength, and unity. On behalf of Canada's Premiers, I am requesting regular engagement with First Ministers to support a united Team Canada approach to U.S. relations – beginning with an in-person First Ministers' meeting the week of January 13. This approach will ensure we can act quickly and be coordinated in our approach, especially in light of the developing situation with your government, as the new U.S. administration takes office.

Sincerely,

Doug Ford  
Chair, Council of the Federation  
Premier of Ontario

c: Premiers  
The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc