



PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

Montréal, Québec

May 5, 2017

Dear Premier Clark,

Thank you for your letter of April 26, 2017, regarding a proposed ban on the shipment of thermal coal through British Columbia ports. We share the commitment to fighting climate change and protecting our environment.

The Government of Canada is considering this request carefully and seriously. I have asked federal trade officials to further examine the request to inform our Government's next steps.

As you know, we disagree strongly with the U.S. Department of Commerce's decision to impose an unfair and punitive duty on Canadian softwood lumber products. The accusations are without merit, as we have made clear to the U.S. administration.

This decision is negatively affecting workers on both sides of the border and will increase costs for Americans and their families who want to build or renovate homes.

Canada and the U.S. enjoy the longest, most peaceful and mutually beneficial relationship of any two countries on the planet. Canada buys more from the U.S. than any other country; we are the number one customer of the majority of American states and among the top three customers of 48 states.

America's trade with Canada is balanced, fair and mutually beneficial. Any increase in trade barriers between our countries significantly impacts jobs in the United States, as well as in Canada.

I look forward to continuing to work with all Premiers, as we stand up for jobs, our industry, and to strengthen the Canada-U.S. relationship that is a model to the world.

Sincerely,

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