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THE AMERICAN MEXICAN ASSOCIATION STANDS AGAINST A POTENTIAL BORDER CLOSING

The U.S.-Mexico border is an active space of economic strength, innovation, integration, dynamism, intense commerce and a deep network of binational forces that significantly contribute to making North America a leading powerhouse in the world. As such, the American Mexican Association stands against any future border closing. Such an act would not only be harmful to the U.S. economy, but would also trigger long-lasting detrimental effects on the wellbeing of millions of families residing along our shared border and across both nations. Even the political announcements threatening to close this vital line are harmful and have already caused economic losses.

Almost \$2 billion USD in goods and services are traded every day, and **1 million people and over 450,000 vehicles transit** across the **58 entry ports located along the** 2000 miles of our shared border, boosting job creation and powering the deeply integrated economy of both countries. As top trading partners—Mexico is the U.S. third largest trading partner—over **5 million U.S. jobs depend on trade with Mexico**. In 2018 alone, **bilateral trade amounted to a record \$614.6 billion** dollars. The 58 entry ports registered 80% of such trading activity.

Additionally, several U.S. industries rely on cross-border trade with Mexico, either by exporting goods and services or by using Mexican inputs in their final products. A border closing would result in price hikes and a shortage of products for U.S. consumers in major industries such as:

- Agriculture and food products (avocado, strawberries, bell peppers, squash, tomatoes, cucumbers, melons, eggplant, mangoes, packaged foods, beer)
- Manufacturing (auto parts, TVs, computer hardware, medical devices)
- Apparel (cotton, buttons, zippers, threads)
- Transportation (moving goods to and from Mexico)
- Energy (cross-border energy infrastructure systems)

But beyond the evident economic effects, a border closing, even temporary, would result in long-lasting negative effects on the wellbeing of families whose daily lives depend on border activity. Moreover, the over **1.5 million U.S. citizens that have chosen Mexico as their home** are a testament to the human synergies and cultural ties that unite both our countries, unmatched against any other across the world. A complete or partial border closing is a direct threat to people, families and businesses that give life to a unified, thriving North American community.

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*The **mission** of the American Mexican Association (AMA-USA) is to be the voice of the communities of Mexican origin in the United States by coming together as a unified, collaborative network. Its **vision** is to be a unified community recognized and appreciated for its undeniable contributions to the United States.*