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THE AMERICAN MEXICAN ASSOCIATION STANDS AGAINST PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'S INTENTION TO IMPOSE TARIFFS ON MEXICAN EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES

The over 500 members of the American Mexican Association, who reside across 50 cities in the United States and represent a cross-cultural community of 36.6 million Mexican-Americans, strongly stand against yesterday's White House announcement to impose a blanket tariff on Mexican products coming into U.S. territory. As top trading partners, international commerce is a major contributor to the development of both the United States and Mexico.

The imposition of tariffs, as a political instrument to solve a non-commercial matter, fails to consider the negative implications on this policy on communities on both sides of the border; and particularly on those who are most vulnerable and dependent on the flow of goods between Mexico and the United States.

Through this announcement, the U.S. Administration takes no account nor future responsibility for the tragic consequences that these measures will have on the American economy. The economies of both our countries are intrinsically linked; as such, imposing tariffs to Mexican products will significantly increase prices for U.S. consumers.

Migration and national security concerns cannot and must not be managed through commercial measures, but through partnerships to ensure proper employment and development opportunities in our countries of origin. While the White House wrongly categorizes crossings into the U.S. as an "invasion", in actuality the number of border detentions are at a historic low. Rather than focusing on unilateral economic measures to address the flow of immigrants, the members of AMA exhort the United States Government to invest in regional development strategies that target the core drivers of migration through poverty alleviation, employment opportunities, and social security strategies.

We are convinced that only through collaboration, our countries will successfully address their shared concerns toward achieving a more prosperous and secure future for their citizens.

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