

Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce Signs Letter Urging Trump Administration to Modernize NAFTA, “Do No Harm”

Yakima, WA – “Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce” today joined more than 300 state and local business associations from across all 50 states in expressing its support for a modernized North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and urging the Trump administration to “do no harm” as negotiations continue.

In a [letter](#) sent to President Donald Trump, 314 state and local chambers of commerce reiterated the business community’s strong support for NAFTA and the millions of American jobs it supports.

“Business leaders across the country know first-hand that trade with Canada and Mexico has created American jobs, boosted economic growth, and strengthened local economies,” the letter reads. “But we know we can do even more to seize the benefits of trade with our North American neighbors.”

The message conveyed in the letter demonstrates a U.S. business community united in support of a constructive renegotiation process and a modernized NAFTA – and against continued threats of withdrawal from the agreement.

"Mexico and Canada are key markets for many Yakima Valley businesses, particularly in agriculture" said Verlynn Best, President of the Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce. "For example, Mexico is the number one and Canada the number two export market for our state's apple growers."

Mr. Jon DeVaney

Members of the U.S. Congress also received copies of the letter, which is available online [here](#).

“We urge you to support America’s workers, farmers, ranchers, and businesses of all sizes by protecting and preserving the deep economic ties and benefits the United States continues to enjoy under NAFTA,” the letter concludes.

Verlynn Best, CEO / President