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January 16, 2020

The Honorable Robert E. Lighthizer
United States Trade Representative
600 17th St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20508

Dear Ambassador Lighthizer,

I write today to thank you for keeping a seasonality produce provision out of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).

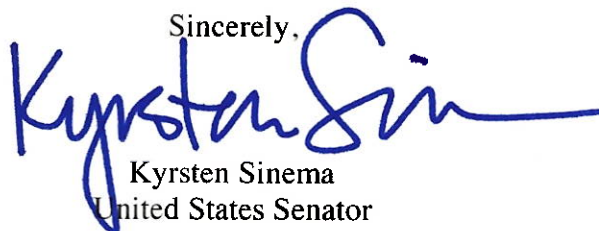
As you are aware, an agriculture seasonality provision in the USMCA would affect jobs and economic development in Arizona. A University of Arizona study shows that Mexican tomato imports support 33,000 U.S. jobs. Agribusiness supply chains derived from these imported tomatoes account for nearly \$3 billion in U.S. gross domestic product.

Additionally, given your January 9, 2020 letter to Senator Rubio, Senator Scott, and Congressman Buchanan, I urge you to consider data from a variety of sources when studying the seasonality issue.

As you move forward, I request that your office engage meaningfully with the state of Arizona and my constituents, who are major employers in our state. I expect your analysis will fully consider a range of information, including studies from research institutions across the country.

Please keep me and my staff informed on any developments. I look forward to working with you and your office on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Kyrsten Sinema
United States Senator