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The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
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The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Prime Minister Carney and Premier Ford,

Re: Building Canada Strong Through Economic Uncertainty

Ontario's municipal governments are the foundation of our province's economy and an essential partner in Canada's prosperity. Municipalities invest \$68 billion annually in the infrastructure and services that residents and businesses rely on, and our communities are where the impacts of economic disruption are first felt and addressed.

On behalf of Ontario's municipal governments, AMO supports your leadership as Canada responds to an increasingly uncertain and challenging trade environment. We recognize the difficult decisions required to protect Canada's economic interests, workers, businesses, and sovereignty.

The effects of tariffs and counter-tariffs will be felt in communities across Ontario. Municipalities understand the importance of supporting local businesses, protecting jobs, maintaining investment confidence, and building strong, resilient communities that can adapt to changing economic conditions.

As governments advance strategies to strengthen Canada's economy, expand trade opportunities, accelerate nation-building infrastructure, and bolster long-term competitiveness, Ontario's municipalities are already active partners. Throughout the past 18 months of economic uncertainty, Ontario municipalities have:

- supported tens of thousands of construction jobs by accelerating planned capital projects and investing in local infrastructure at historic levels;
- proudly adopted Buy Canadian and Buy Ontario measures to ensure that the over \$22 billion that Ontario municipalities spend annually on goods and services to protect Canada and Ontario's economic well-being; and
- leveraged local economic development infrastructure, working closely with local businesses to understand and address pain points and support diversification efforts.

Municipal governments in Ontario will always support and assist the governments of Ontario and Canada as partners, particularly during times of challenge and uncertainty. AMO and its members remain confident that our communities, our province, and our country are resilient, innovative, and prepared to work together to build a stronger, more competitive, and more prosperous future.

Sincerely,



Riley Brockington
President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario

cc: Minister Dominic LeBlanc, Canada-US Trade, Intergovernmental Affairs, Internal Trade and One Canadian Economy (Canada)
Minister Melanie Joly, Industry (Canada)
Minister Gregor Robertson, Housing, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada)
Minister Vic Fedeli, Economic Development and Job Creation (Ontario)
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