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The Honorable Jamieson Greer
U.S. Trade Representative
600 17th Street NW
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Dear Ambassador Greer,

Thank you for your tireless work in strengthening and enforcing our nation's trade laws and for your commitment in fighting against many of the unfair trade practices that have significantly damaged the economic vitality of our agricultural industry. For far too long, Floridian specialty crop growers have faced insurmountable challenges associated with the dumping of Mexican imports during our domestic harvest seasons, undermining their chances of competitiveness and in many cases forcing their closure. As negotiations with Mexico continue and as the potential finalization of a trade agreement nears, I urge you to ensure that any such agreement delivers effective relief that meaningfully addresses the adverse effects of seasonal produce imports on Florida's specialty crop growers.

In your April 2026 testimony[1] to Congress, you recognized the challenges facing Florida's specialty crop growers and how current trade protections and remedies were insufficient in providing effective relief for domestic producers. Such testimony built upon your December 2025 remarks[2] specifically identifying the seasonality issue requiring resolution through the USMCA review process. Furthermore, you acknowledged that you have brought the issue of seasonal import competition to the attention of your Mexican counterparts and that such a matter will remain a priority during the USMCA review. As trade negotiations with Mexico continue, I remain hopeful that your commitment to addressing such longstanding concerns will result in substantive relief for Florida's agricultural producers.

Florida's agricultural producers cannot afford another trade agreement that leaves these serious and growing challenges unresolved. I support our industry's urgent call for product-specific tariff

[1] United States House Committee on Ways & Means: *Full Committee Hearing on the Trump Administration's 2026 Trade Policy Agenda with United States Trade Representative Jamieson Greer* (April 22, 2026).
[2] Jamieson Greer, United States Trade Representative: *Opening Statement for House Ways & Means and Senate Finance Committees* (December 16-17, 2025).

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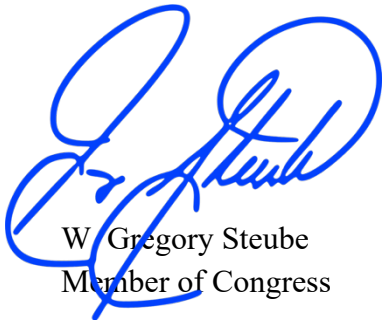
rate quotas that are effectively structured, rigorously enforceable, and put into effect in the near term. In your ongoing efforts with Mexico, I strongly urge you to prioritize securing these effective, enforceable measures to help sustain our domestic growers before any agreement with Mexico is finalized.

I hope to further address this matter with you in the coming days and again thank you for your leadership and continued dedication to safeguarding the interests of Florida's agricultural producers.

Sincerely,



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