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**Small Business Legislative Council (SBLC) Urges the Trump Administration to Keep NAFTA Trilateral**

Washington, DC – As the Trump Administration engages in ongoing efforts to update the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the Small Business Legislative Council (SBLC) is urging the President to ensure that the pact remains trilateral.

While SBLC is encouraged by the progress made in negotiations with Mexico, it is important that any future agreement also include Canada. “Maintaining favorable trade relations with our neighbors to both the North and South is critical for America’s small businesses” said SBLC President and General Counsel, Paula Calimafde. “Small and privately owned businesses are an important source of job creation and growth in our economy. Trade agreements like NAFTA help these businesses grow and stay competitive while keeping good well-paying jobs here in the United States.”

The SBLC is an independent, permanent coalition of 50 national trade and professional associations whose goal is to maximize the advocacy and presence of small business on Federal legislative and regulatory policy issues, and to disseminate information on the impact of public policy on small businesses.

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