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Dear Citizens of Pontiac–Kitigan Zibi,

The recent tariffs announced by Donald Trump pose unprecedented challenges to our economy and sovereignty. I want to reassure you that we are actively working to convince the White House to reverse this unjustified attack. Canada accounts for less than 1% of the fentanyl crisis and illegal immigration to the U.S., yet we have strengthened our borders and will continue to do so. Trump also claims Canada exports more to the U.S. than vice versa, but if we exclude oil and gas, the trade balance actually favors the U.S.

While we hope reason will prevail, we must prepare for the challenges ahead. Industries in the Outaouais region that export to the U.S., particularly agriculture, forestry, and manufacturing, may face disruptions. However, we are doing everything we can to ensure these challenges are temporary. We are working closely with provinces to support businesses and protect jobs, applying strategic pressure on the U.S. market, and leveraging all diplomatic channels to safeguard our economic interests.

The best thing every citizen can do right now is to buy Canadian products. Every dollar you spend at our local businesses helps support them and strengthens our economy as we navigate this challenging time together.

The Canadian government, in collaboration with the provinces, is considering measures for affected businesses and workers, like adjustment to the employment insurance, with the goal of minimizing the impact. Standing strong and united is our best chance for a swift resolution.

In the long term, it is essential to strengthen the independence and resilience of our economy, and I intend to play an active role to achieve this. Before entering politics, I worked at the Department of Finance in Ottawa and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Europe, gaining valuable experience in global economic dynamics and trade policy.

The U.S. is no longer the stable and reliable partner it once was, and we must adapt by diversifying our markets, increasing domestic resource processing, strengthening infrastructure, eliminating interprovincial trade barriers, and modernizing our tax and regulatory system to attract investment.

We will meet these challenges together and emerge stronger.

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