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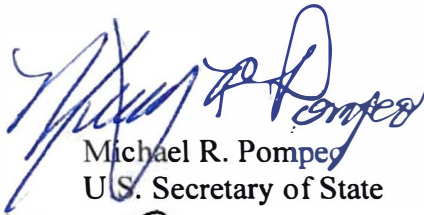
We send our warmest regards to you and the people of Mexico during these extraordinary times. We value the cooperation between our countries as we seek to overcome together the health and economic challenges we face.

Both of our governments seek to maximize our economic relationship, especially with the introduction of USMCA, for the prosperity of both our nations. However, as we have discussed with you previously, recent regulatory actions by the Mexican government have created significant uncertainty about Mexico's regulatory processes, especially regarding the energy sector, and have damaged Mexico's overall investment climate. Most recently, we have been concerned by reports of a July 22 memo, followed by a September 22 meeting with regulators who were allegedly instructed to block permits for private sector energy projects and to exercise their regulatory authority to favor state-owned energy companies. If true, this would be deeply troubling and raise concerns regarding Mexico's commitments under the USMCA.


In addition to harming several U.S.-backed private sector projects across the energy sector, these measures could adversely affect hundreds of millions of dollars of U.S. government public energy investments in Mexico made through the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and U.S. and Mexican public investments via the North American Development Bank. While we respect Mexico's sovereign right to determine its own energy policies, we are obligated to insist that Mexico lives up to its USMCA obligations, in defense of our national interests, which include investments funded by the U.S. taxpayer.

Our goals are firmly aligned with your interest in ensuring Mexico's strong and prosperous future. An attractive investment climate, backed by regulations applied in a non-discriminatory manner, can create jobs and foster the investment needed to secure Mexico's energy self-sufficiency while keeping energy costs affordable for consumers. We sincerely hope that we can collaborate with you on these important objectives to ensure that our economic partnership continues to deepen and expand to the benefit of the Mexican and American people.

Sincerely,



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