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## U.S. SENATE REPUBLICANS TOUT NAFTA'S IMPORTANCE

*Trump Administration Urged To Preserve & Modernize Trade Agreement*

**Eighteen Republican U.S. Senators To U.S. Trade Representative Lighthizer: “Given That The Agreement Is More Than Two Decades Old, There Are Areas In Which NAFTA Will Benefit From Strengthening And Modernization. On The Other Hand, Efforts To Abandon The Agreement Or Impose Unnecessary Restrictions On Trade With Our North American Partners Will Have Devastating Economic Consequences.”** (U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley, “Grassley Among Senators Stressing Economic Benefits Of NAFTA To New U.S. Trade Rep,” [Press Release](#), 5/15/17)

**U.S. Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn: “So While We Are Working Hard To Pass Pro-Growth Tax Reform, Which Will Allow American Families To Keep More Of What They Earn And Improve Their Standard Of Living, We’re Also Looking To Modernize These Existing Trade Agreements To Add To The Growth Of Our Economy And Jobs Right Here In The United States.”** (Senator John Cornyn, “Cornyn: Modernize, Don’t End, NAFTA,” [Press Release](#), 10/17/17)

**U.S. Republican Conference Chairman & Senate Agriculture Committee Member John Thune: “I Strongly Encouraged [Commerce] Secretary Ross To Keep The Unique Needs And Dynamics Of The Agriculture Industry At The Forefront Of The Administration’s NAFTA Renegotiation Effort.”** (U.S. Senator John Thune, “Thune Presses Trump Administration To Prioritize Agriculture In NAFTA Negotiations,” [Press Release](#), 12/6/17)

- **Thune: “I Don’t Know If We’ve Got Any Member In The Entire Republican Conference In The Senate Who Doesn’t Believe That Withdrawing From NAFTA Is A Bad Idea.”** (John T. Bennett, “Republicans Weigh Ways To Block Trump On Trade Actions,” [Roll Call](#), 1/23/18)

**Spokesperson For U.S. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch: “Withdrawal From NAFTA Is Not An Effort Chairman Hatch Supports. He Will Continue To Work With The Administration To Modernize The Near Two Decade Trilateral Pact To Help Advance The Nation’s Trade Goals And Grow The**

**Economy Here At Home.”** (Doug Palmer, “Business Anxiety Rises As NAFTA Talks Restart,” [Politico](#), 9/1/17)

**U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts: “Facts Are Stubborn Things. And It’s A Fact That The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Has Boosted The American Economy For Over 20 Years. As Renegotiations Of The Trade Pact Are Well Underway, We Need To Take A Good Clear Look At NAFTA And The Undeniable Benefits Of Trade With Two Of Our Closest Partners – Canada And Mexico.”** (U.S. Senator Pat Roberts, “The U.S. Can’t Forget The Benefits NAFTA Has Provided,” [The Hill](#), 12/6/17)

**U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee Member Chuck Grassley: “Locking The Barn Door On NAFTA And Other Trade Agreements Would Deal A Devastating Blow To The President’s Base Of Support And Cast A Dark Cloud Over The Entire Farm Economy.”** (U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley, “Sen. Grassley: Locking The Barn Door On NAFTA Won’t Create Jobs Or Prosperity,” [Fox News](#), 5/26/17)

**U.S. Senate Banking Committee Chairman Mike Crapo: “We Do Need A Trade Agreement With Canada And Mexico.”** (Nathan Brown, “BLOG: Crapo Wants NAFTA Rewritten But Says Trade Deal Is Important,” [MagicValley.com](#), 8/31/17)

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