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Administration Officials Reiterate Priority In Preserving & Modernizing North American Free Trade Agreement

U.S. Secretary Of Agriculture Sonny Perdue: “NAFTA, As I Indicated Earlier, I’m Hopeful That We Can Really Close That Out And Have An Improved NAFTA, A Modernized NAFTA That’s Better For The American Producers As Well As We Go Forward.” (Keith Good, “House Ag Committee Hearing With Sec. Perdue: Trade Issues,” [Farm Policy News](#), 2/7/18)

- **U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Trade Counsel Jason Hafemeister: “For Agriculture, Trade Agreements Have Been Good. But We See Substantial Opportunity Going Forward. An Aggressive Trade Agenda Is Critical For Agriculture.”** (Ron Sterk, “Risk, Reward For Agriculture In Trade Talks,” [World Grain](#), 2/12/18)

U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin: “It Is A Major Priority Of Ours To Renegotiate The Deal.” (Adam Behsudi, “Mnuchin: NAFTA Priority Is Renegotiation, Not Withdrawal,” [Politico Pro](#), 2/15/18)

- **Mnuchin: “I Don’t Want To Go Through The Consequences Because, Again, That’s Not Our First Priority. Our Priority Is To Renegotiate The Deal, And, As I Said, We Are Actively Having Discussions On This.”** (Adam Behsudi, “Mnuchin: NAFTA Priority Is Renegotiation, Not Withdrawal,” [Politico Pro](#), 2/15/18)
- **Mnuchin: “I Am Cautiously Hopeful That [U.S. Trade Representative] Lighthizer Will Be Negotiating This Deal.”** (“Treasury’s Mnuchin Says Priority For U.S. To Renegotiate NAFTA,” [Reuters](#), 2/15/18)

Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer: Negotiations Are “Making Real Headway ... Particularly With Respect To The Mexicans.” (Megan Cassella, “Trump Weighs In On 232,” [Politico Morning Trade](#), 2/14/18)

- **Lighthizer: “There Was A Lot Of Anxiety At One Point As To Whether Or Not We’d Be In A Position Where We Would Have To Withdraw In Order To Get A**

Good Agreement. We Have A Number Of Issues That We Still Have To Work Our Way Through, But I'm Hopeful That We'll Be In The Position – I Think That's Most Important – To Get A Good Deal, One That You'll Find Acceptable." (Megan Cassella, "Trump Weights In On 232," [Politico Morning Trade](#), 2/14/18)

- **Lighthizer: "And I Really Think, With This And With NAFTA And The Other Things We're Doing, We Can Have Democrats And Republicans Vote In Large Number Together And Start A New Way To Approach This."** ("Remarks By President Trump, Vice President Pence, Members Of Congress, And Members Of The Cabinet In Meeting On Trade," [White House](#), 2/13/18)
- **U.S. Trade Representative Spokesperson: "The U.S. Objective Has Been And Remains Renegotiating And Modernizing NAFTA On A Trilateral Basis."** (Alexandra Panetta, "U.S. Says It Still Wants Three-Way NAFTA Deal After Trade Czar Muses Dealing Separately With Mexico," [The Star](#), 2/7/18)

U.S. Secretary Of State Rex Tillerson: "I Understand How Important NAFTA Is For Our Country And Continent." (James Barragan, "Rex Tillerson Tells Austin Crowd U.S. Plays Role In Drug Violence Problems In Mexico," [Dallas News](#), 2/1/18)

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