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Dear Senator:

On behalf of the 600,000 active and retired members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM), **I write today in strong support of S.J. Res. 37, a resolution introduced by Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA) that would terminate the national emergency the Trump administration has declared to impose duties on imports from Canada by way of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA).**

The IAM firmly stands in support of fair-trade policy and the use of measures such as tariffs when used properly to help level the playing field for the workers we represent. The use of tariffs can be an effective enforcement measure to punish bad trade actors such as countries that do not respect the rights of workers. These new tariffs on Canada, one of our closest allies and largest trading partners, are unjust and will have lasting negative impacts on American and Canadian workers.

Simply put, the use of the emergency declaration regarding fentanyl for imposing harsh tariffs on Canada is invalid. Recent U.S. Customs and Border Protection data shows that less than 1 percent of fentanyl seizures come from our nation's northern border compared to more than 96 percent from the southern border with Mexico. The Trump administration's erratic approach to tariffs is wreaking havoc on workers and businesses in the United States and Canada. Punishing one of our nation's closest trading partners based on a false pretense is wrong and the action needs to be reversed.

The IAM is a very diverse labor union that represents tens of thousands of workers in aerospace, defense, and manufacturing—industries that depend on strong U.S.-Canada cooperation. These tariffs will destabilize those sectors, putting livelihoods and our nations' economies at risk. This includes the more than 100,000 aerospace workers we represent in both the U.S. and Canada.

Again - the IAM strongly supports S.J. Res 37 and urges your support for its passage.

If you have any questions, please contact IAM National Political and Legislative Director Hasan Solomon at 301-967-4575 or hsolomon@iamaw.org.

Sincerely,

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