



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Moved by: _____ Date: June 11, 2018
Mayor R. Bonnette

Seconded by: _____ Resolution No.: _____
Councillor C. Somerville

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WHEREAS, since 2009, Council for the Town of Halton Hills have been leaders in taking opposition to Buy American Policies and other punitive trade legislation;

AND WHEREAS, the Buy American Policies have had negative impacts on local Canadian industries and Municipalities;

AND WHEREAS, their impacts have negatively affected Canadian Municipalities and their economies and families;

AND WHEREAS, NAFTA governs nearly every aspect of Canada and the U.S. economic relationship and even minor changes to the established trade relationship could have far-reaching consequences for communities on both sides of the border;

AND WHEREAS, recent trade disputes with the U.S. on softwood lumber and potential tariffs on other commodities has caused business uncertainty and impacted local economies;

AND WHEREAS, Canada's economic future and the continued well-being of communities and their local economies depend on free and fair trading relationships based in current and future international agreements;

AND WHEREAS, the recent imposition by the United States government of tariffs on steel and aluminum imports from Canada, purportedly based on national security grounds, are an affront to the decades-long alliance between Canada and the United States;

AND WHEREAS, given the actions of the United States government, it is imperative that Municipalities and individual Canadian businesses and citizens, as consumers of goods and services, take proactive action to support and protect Canadian interests.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Halton Hills supports the recent resolution passed by FCM to continue to work with the federal government to support the interests of municipalities across Canada affected by trade disputes and during ongoing trade agreement negotiations;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council for the Town of Halton Hills continues to support free and fair trade and vehemently opposes restrictive trade practices;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Halton Hills stands with those Municipalities, Employers, Families who may be impacted by the latest tariffs imposed by the Trump Administration;

AND FURTHER THAT that the Town of Halton Hills encourage residents and businesses with the Town to become knowledgeable about the origin of the products and services that they purchase, consider avoiding the purchase of U.S. where Canadian substitutes are reasonable available and communicating with U.S. businesses and individuals Canadian concern about the decisions of the United States Government;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, Minister of Trade, Minister Freeland, Mayor Iveson (Edmonton) Chair of the Big City Mayors, Halton MP's, MPP's, Federal Opposition Leaders, Mayors of Windsor, Hamilton, Halton Region, Burlington, Milton, Oakville, FCM and AMO.

Mayor Rick Bonnette