



Calgary

Jyoti Gondek, Mayor

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Honorable Danielle Smith
Premier of Alberta
307 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue
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Premier Smith,

I am writing to request an urgent meeting regarding the impending U.S. tariffs and the significant economic challenges they present to our region.

As you know, these tariffs will profoundly impact key sectors within the Calgary region, including oil, agriculture, manufacturing, and small businesses. It is critical we discuss a coordinated response to the tariffs. I understand the provincial government has allocated a \$4 billion tariff contingency in the recent budget and am looking for clarity on how the province will use this to respond to tariffs.

Proper, pro-active tariff proofing is needed to support Albertans from the economic threat of tariffs. Using some of the \$4 billion contingency would be key to cushioning the immediate effects on our local businesses and industries and preventing long-term economic repercussions for our residents.

Calgary has already begun to mobilize a response, as highlighted by the formation of the Mayor's Tariff Advisory Group and other key measures passed by Calgary City Council on February 25, 2025. We are committed to implementing strategic measures to safeguard our local economy. However, the scale of the challenge at hand necessitates a robust and coordinated effort of all orders of government.

We must work together and act now. Waiting until the adverse effects are fully realized would result in unnecessary hardship for many Albertans.

Thank you for considering this urgent request. I am looking forward to your collaboration and support as we navigate these challenging times together.

Sincerely,

Jyoti Gondek
Mayor, The City of Calgary