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David

Thank you for the thoughtful invitation to comment on the CEC and NAAEC in light of the 20th Anniversary of NAFTA (copied in part below).

I will take you up on your offer to provide some thoughts and will canvas members of our "Destination Sustainability" advisory committee before the August 30 comment deadline.

Is the October 2013 session in Washington DC open?

I believe that since NAFTA was passed in 1994, climate change, sustainable transportation, North American energy interdependence and alternative fuels have risen to the rank of trade liberalization in terms of providing opportunities for tri-national environmental protection. Witness the current lively debate on the Keystone pipeline.

And - as our report emphasized – engaging and incentivizing private industry to "green" the increasingly global logistics supply chain is the clearest path to melding environmental and economic goals of NAFTA while strengthening the trading platform of North America as we compete (and trade) with Europe and Asia. Your point on the Trans Pacific Partnership is well taken.

As I indicated to you and Irasema, our West Coast Corridor Coalition and joint PNWER/Cascadia organizations are fully supporting the NAFTA NEXT Conference in Chicago in April 2014 as the best way to bring industry and government leaders together to work with the national governments on incentives and regulations in the NAFTA environment. It also seems like a logical follow on to your October session.

Again, thanks for reaching out to me on CEC and NAAEC. I am glad to see JPAC initiate an important dialogue among sector leaders of the three countries.

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