April 17, 2018

The Hon. Kevin Brady
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
1011 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Brady:

As the Administration has recently started signaling clear intentions to conclude the NAFTA renegotiation in the very near term, we write to urge that the Ways and Means Committee hold a hearing on the NAFTA renegotiation with the Administration. A hearing would provide Committee Members a critical opportunity to examine the Administration’s progress and conduct the necessary oversight of the Administration’s efforts to renegotiate the agreement.

The Trump Administration formally initiated the NAFTA renegotiation nearly eight months ago in August 2017 and is seeking an imminent conclusion to the renegotiation. In February, Committee Democrats led by Rep. Bill Pascrell Jr., Ranking Member of the Trade Subcommittee, sent a letter to Trade Subcommittee Chairman Reichert requesting a NAFTA renegotiation hearing with the Administration. This followed a private letter that Rep. Pascrell sent to Trade Subcommittee Chairman Reichert requesting a hearing on NAFTA in October 2017.

More than 25 years ago, during the original NAFTA negotiations, this Committee brought forward United States Trade Representatives, Secretaries of Labor, and Administrators of the Environmental Protection Agency to testify multiple times. Yet the Ways and Means Committee has not, to date, convened a single hearing dedicated to the renegotiation of NAFTA with Administration witnesses.

It is high time for the Committee to exercise its Congressional duties as the Committee of jurisdiction over reciprocal trade agreements. As members of the Committee on Ways and Means, we urge you to convene a hearing with the Administration on the NAFTA renegotiation as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Richard E. Neal
Ranking Member

The Honorable Bill Pascrell, Jr.
Trade Subcommittee Ranking Member
The Honorable Sander M. Levin

The Honorable Lloyd Doggett

The Honorable John B. Larson

The Honorable Ron Kind

The Honorable Danny K. Davis

The Honorable Brian Higgins

The Honorable Suzan DelBene

The Honorable John Lewis

The Honorable Mike Thompson

The Honorable Earl Blumenauer

The Honorable Joseph Crowley

The Honorable Linda T. Sánchez

The Honorable Terri Sewell

The Honorable Judy Chu