

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 10, 2018

The Honorable David MacNaughton
Ambassador of Canada
501 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Ambassador MacNaughton:

As Members of the United States Congress with a long-standing interest in supporting a robust economic partnership with Canada, we are writing to bring to your attention a specific trade issue related to the recognition of standards for electrical wiring and to ask that it be resolved by the Government of Canada. The United States and Canada have a long history of working closely with one another on issues of regulatory harmonization and mutual recognition. Your resolution of this issue would help North American workers and small manufacturers – both in the United States and Canada – as well as continue to strengthen the relationship between our two nations.

Based on our discussions with recreational vehicle (RV) manufacturers, a technical barrier to trade exists regarding RV electrical wiring standards. The United States accepts either the Canadian (CSA C.22.2 No. 48) or U.S. (UL 917) wiring standards. However, the Canadian government does not reciprocate in its recognition of the U.S. (UL 917) wiring standards.

As a result, American manufacturers, particularly small businesses, must comply with two different but equally safe standards in order to operate and sell in Canada. This represents a frustrating and expensive burden on the American RV industry, especially for our small manufacturers who do not always have the resources to decipher and comply with multiple standards. The problem is further compounded by the fact that the United States and Canada currently recognize each other's wiring standards for most other automobiles, leaving RVs as an outlier. Recognition of the U.S. electrical wiring standards not only will benefit American manufacturers but will also help Canadian workers, businesses, and consumers. We have a shared interest in resolving this issue.

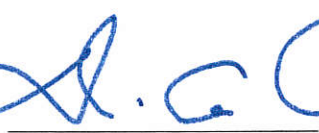
We request that the Government of Canada eliminate this technical barrier to trade and recognize U.S. RV wiring standards. Taking meaningful steps on this matter would enhance cross-border trade, bring the RV market more in-line with North American treatment for other automobiles, and mark an important display of good will in the U.S.-Canada trade partnership.

Thank you very much for your timely consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,



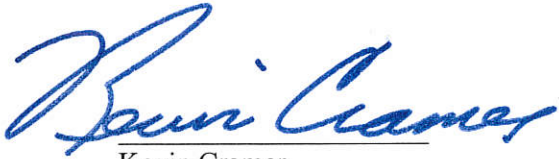
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