

March 17, 2025.

The Honourable David Eby
Premier of British Columbia
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Dear Premier Eby,

Re: Concerns Regarding Proposed Toll Fee on U.S. Automotive Traffic Transiting Through British Columbia

On behalf of <u>CIFFA Corp</u> (formerly the Canadian International Freight Forwarders Association), we would like to express our concerns regarding your recent comments suggesting the possibility of introducing a toll fee on U.S. automotive traffic travelling through British Columbia en route to Alaska. While we understand and appreciate the province's desire to fight back on unjust U.S. tariffs, we believe such a measure could have unintended consequences, especially on the flow of Canadian goods through vital transportation corridors.

As an association that represents over 500 member companies involved in international trade and logistics, CIFFA is particularly concerned about retaliatory measures that might affect the efficient movement of goods across Canadian borders. Currently, a significant amount of Canadian goods move freely and without interruption under the T&E (Transit and Export) or I.T. (In Transit) U.S. bond system, utilizing both trucks and rail. The imposition of a toll could strain the seamless and cost-effective flow of goods between Canada and the U.S., including those bound for Alaska. Retaliatory actions by the U.S. government could lead to new burdens for Canadian shippers, potentially impacting both the competitiveness of Canadian goods and the viability of cross-border trade routes. It is essential to recognize the interdependent nature of



trade and the broader implications that such a measure could have on Canadian exporters, logistics providers, and the overall economy.

In light of these considerations, we respectfully urge your government to carefully assess the broader impact of any toll or fee on U.S. transit traffic. CIFFA is committed to working collaboratively with your office to identify solutions that support both the economic interests of British Columbia and the uninterrupted movement of goods that are essential to the Canadian economy. We appreciate your attention to this matter and would welcome the opportunity to discuss our concerns further with you or your representatives.

Sincerely,

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