

“Geography has made us neighbors... Economics has made us partners.”

— President John F. Kennedy
Address to Parliament of Canada, 1961



We share the world's largest secure common border, vibrant democratic institutions and a longstanding legacy of friendship.

The bonds between Canada and the U.S. are more than cultural. The two nations share the world's largest and most comprehensive trading relationship. Trade with Canada supports over 8 million jobs in the United States. In 2009, total trade between Canada and the U.S. topped \$590 billion, with more than \$1.6 billion worth of goods and services crossing the Canada/U.S. border every single day.

The interdependence of Canada and the U.S. is most apparent in energy. Canada supplies more oil, natural gas

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and hydro-electricity to the U.S. than any other country. Canada is critical to North American energy security. Industry leaders and governments on both sides of the border are investing in new technology and innovation to support reliable energy supply, job creation and environmental protection.

Securing our future means finding reliable sources of affordable energy. Canada's vast oil sands are part of the solution,

as are the increasing supplies of natural gas from both sides of the border and the growing contribution of renewable energy. Addressing energy security and climate change requires close collaboration between these two historic partners.

It is against this backdrop of shared values and mutual dependence that President Obama and Prime Minister Harper meet this week in Washington, D.C. We wish them well in their discussions.

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