



Office of the President

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The Honourable Danielle Smith
Premier of Alberta
Office of the Premier
307 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Premier Smith,

On behalf of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government, I am writing to emphasize the importance of having Métis voices at the table as Alberta formulates its response to the unprovoked trade tariffs imposed by President Donald Trump and his administration.

The Métis within Alberta have a rich history that has significantly contributed to the financial and social fabric of our shared nation. The current economic landscape poses unique challenges to our Métis entrepreneurs, who play a pivotal role in driving economic growth and innovation. We must take concerted action to bolster these businesses and ensure they can thrive in this evolving trade environment.

In light of the United States' tariffs, we believe it is more important than ever to prioritize and support Canadian-made products and services. The Otipemisiwak Métis Government is dedicated to empowering Métis entrepreneurs by providing them with the resources, mentorship, and opportunities they need to succeed. We have developed [Alberta MétisWorks](#), an online business directory of Métis - owned and verified businesses that connects these businesses with procurement opportunities and allows Métis entrepreneurs to build relationships within their communities and across the country.

Our Métis Government stands ready to support your government's efforts to prioritize procurement from Alberta and other provinces and territories by facilitating partnerships with Métis-owned businesses, ensuring a resilient and inclusive economy. This moment calls for trade policies and responses that reflect partnerships with Indigenous governments and support local businesses.

Sincerely,

Andrea Sandmaier

President

Otipemisiwak Métis Government