



Office of the President

March 7, 2025

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister,

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.

As you are well aware, the Métis have a rich history that has significantly contributed to the financial and social fabric of our shared country. 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 even developed [Alberta MétisWorks](#), an online business directory of Métis-owned and verified businesses that connects Métis businesses with procurement opportunities and allows Métis entrepreneurs to build relationships within their communities and across the country.

Our Métis government is ready to support your government's efforts by facilitating partnerships with strong Métis-owned and operated businesses so that we can create a more inclusive and resilient economy that also recognizes the contributions of Métis entrepreneurs. We are confident that we can overcome the challenges posed by this US administration and build a stronger, more self-reliant country.

To truly embody a Team Canada approach, Métis voices must be included in Canada's response. This pivotal moment in the country's history calls for trade policies and domestic responses that reflect partnerships with Métis governments and support local and Métis businesses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea Sandmaier".

Andrea Sandmaier
President
Otipemisiwak Métis Government