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**CHC STATEMENT ON
U.S. PRESIDENT TRUMP'S TARIFFS:
CANADA IS NOT FOR SALE;
WE STAND TOGETHER, STRONG AND UNITED**

Montreal, February 3, 2025--- Since Donald J. Trump's election to the U.S. presidency the rhetoric and threats to Canada and other democratic and allied countries have increased exponentially. The U.S. President has also shifted his isolationist agenda to an imperialist one and wants to take over through economic threats and even military force. His common threat is: "if you do not follow me, I will impose 25% tariffs across the board, and for Canada, I will end the 200- or 300-billion-dollar trade deficits".

President Trump is clearly delusional as there are no 200- or 300-billion-dollar trade deficits that benefit Canada. With over 1 trillion dollars' worth of trade between our two countries annually, the trade deficit between the US and Canada is approximately 45 billion dollars, given that Canada sells more products to the U.S., especially oil, than it buys from the U.S. Crude oil makes up the largest resource that Canada sells to U.S., at a discounted rate from the market price. As a result, if it is removed, Canada's trade deficit will become a surplus.

We believe the U.S. President would be wise to know his facts before he speaks. Furthermore, he should take the time to get an Economics 101 briefing from his advisors instead of spewing false accusations. It is unbecoming for the "leader" of the "free world" to constantly lie to his people and the rest of the people of the world. Clearly, the imposition of tariffs on Canada will NOT result in decreased prices in the U.S. as he promised during his election campaign. President Trump's threats do not sit well with Canadians and we are counterstriking with similar tariff impositions. It is now up to the U.S. President to explain to the American states bordering Canada that costs of our products have increased three-fold.

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***CHC STATEMENT ON U.S. PRESIDENT TRUMP'S TARIFFS:
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We urge all Canadians to STOP buying American products and services and to STOP travelling to and vacationing in the U.S. Both government and citizens need to support our Canadian businesses and to BUY CANADIAN!

We also call upon our Federal and Provincial governments to review and expand the trade routes both within Canada and abroad and to seek alternative countries and markets to sell our products and services. An example is the Trans Mountain Pipeline that carries Alberta oil to BC for exportation to Washington State, to the U.S. West Coast and to Asian Countries, given that Asian countries get about 0.3 million barrels a day from BC. It is imperative that our Federal government work in unity with our provinces and territories, and for our provinces and territories to collaborate, in an effort to increase interprovincial trade. Moreover, we must reach out to European countries such as Germany and Greece, as well as, Asian countries to export our oil and LNG products.

It is time for all of us to rekindle our Canadian patriotism and to stand united and strong. Let us proudly fly our Canadian flags and recommit ourselves to our strong Canadian values.

We call on all Canadians to stand together and protect our way of life, our identity and our sovereignty as a nation; a nation that has always promoted and advanced peace over war. We are a PROUD and SOVEREIGN state; WE ARE NOT FOR SALE!

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