



August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland  
Deputy Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A3

**RE: Retaliatory Aluminum Tariffs**

Dear Deputy Prime Minister Freeland,

On behalf of the over eleven hundred craft brewers located in every province and territory in the country, the Canadian Craft Brewers Association (CCBA) is requesting the removal of aluminum cans from the proposed retaliatory tariffs list, as mentioned in Tariff Items 7612.90.91 and 7612.90.99.

In the last round of tariffs and retaliatory tariffs between Canada and the United States, aluminum cans were not exempted and craft brewers across Canada were directly impacted. Almost all of the half-billion 16 oz. (473 ml) aluminum cans used by craft brewers annually are sourced from the United States. **There is no source of supply for these cans in Canada.** It represents an annual industry spend of over \$100,000,000.

The liquor boards in some provinces, including Ontario which has over 350 craft breweries, mandate the use of 16 oz. cans to sell through their stores.

Canadian craft brewers are independently owned and operated small businesses that have helped to spark a rural renaissance in Canada. In the last decade our members have invested billions of dollars in new manufacturing facilities, hundreds of which are located in small towns and communities. These breweries are already reeling from the effects of COVID-19, and many are fighting to stay alive. A further cost increase, combined with any interruption in supply, would be a severe blow to their efforts.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or our public affairs advisor Kyle Larkin at [kyle@impactcanada.com](mailto:kyle@impactcanada.com).

Sincerely,

Rick Dalmazzi  
Executive Director  
Canadian Craft Brewers Association