

THERE IS ONE OTHER COUNTRY ON THE PACIFIC RIM I SHOULD MENTION IN THE CONTEXT OF TRADE. THAT IS THE UNITED STATES. THEY ARE OF SOME IMPORTANCE TO US, AND WE ARE OF SOME IMPORTANCE TO THEM. FOR EXAMPLE, BRITISH COLUMBIA BUYS MORE U.S. GOODS THAN CHINA DOES.

MORE THAN THREE-QUARTERS OF OUR TOTAL ANNUAL EXPORTS GO TO THE U.S. MARKETS. OBVIOUSLY, WE ARE EXTREMELY VULNERABLE TO ANY PROTECTIVE TRADE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES, WHETHER THOSE ACTIONS ARE AIMED AT OTHERS, OR AT US.

OUR GENERAL ACCESS TO THE AMERICAN MARKET IS THREATENED WITH MORE EROSION EVERY DAY. THERE ARE OVER THREE HUNDRED PROTECTIONIST BILLS IN THE CONGRESS TODAY. THEY EITHER THREATEN OR HAVE ALREADY HARMED \$6 BILLION IN CANADIAN EXPORTS, AND 140,000 JOBS, AFFECTING ALL REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY AND A WIDE RANGE OF COMMODITIES.

THAT IS THE THREAT FROM CONGRESS. IN ADDITION, VARIOUS STATES DREAM UP OTHER WAYS TO STOP OUR TRADE. THIS SUMMER, FOR EXAMPLE, FOUR WESTERN STATES SLAPPED A PROHIBITION ON OUR PORK, CLAIMING THEY DIDN'T LIKE THE ANTIBIOTICS OUR PIGS WERE BEING FED.