

Today I challenge you to take up the issue of freer trade between Canada and the U.S., in the best interests of our two countries and in the best interests of the global trading system.

As I said when I began my remarks, we are all in a kind of World Series as far as international trade is concerned. If we strike out in these Canada/U.S. negotiations, it may be game over for our current attempts to expand and improve the world trading system.

This is no Blue Jays-Tigers pennant race. In this game, we will all be winners or we will all be losers. It's that simple.

Thank you.