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WITH A BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. WE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND OUR EXPORT MARKETS. WITH TRANSITION PERIODS AND THE PHASED ELIMINATION OF TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS BETWEEN EIGHT TO TEN YEARS, WE WILL EXPERIENCE MANAGED AND ORDERLY CHANGE. THAT KIND OF CHANGE WILL BE WORTHWHILE, IT IS PREFERABLE TO THE AD HOCERY OF THE PRESENT.

THERE WILL BE ADJUSTMENT, AS THERE IS NOW. THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT WITH IMPROVED TRADE RULES, THIS ADJUSTMENT IS BASED ON A BETTER TOMORROW. IT IS BASED ON JOB CREATION RATHER THAN JOB LOSS. IN ESSENCE, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO SEE THOSE WORKING IN OTHER SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY ENJOY THE BENEFITS THE AUTOWORKERS ALREADY HAVE UNDER THE AUTO PACT.

THOSE WHO ARE BENEFITTING THE MOST UNDER THE CURRENT TRADE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. ARE THOSE WHO ARE WORKING UNDER THE AUTO PACT. LET'S HAVE TRADE RULES THAT COVER AS MUCH OF OUR CROSSBORDER TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES AS WE POSSIBLY CAN AND BUILD UPON THE EXCELLENT START THAT HAS BEEN MADE BY THE AUTO PACT.

I SPENT SOME TIME IN NEW YORK LAST MONTH TALKING TO A NUMBER OF AMERICAN C.E.O.'S. THEY ALL INDICATED THAT THEIR COMPANIES WERE IN CANADA FOR GOOD REASONS, HAD MADE SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL INVESTMENTS IN THIS COUNTRY AND INTEND TO STAY. THEY HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THIS COUNTRY'S FUTURE. SO DO WE, AND AS CONSULTATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY HAVE SHOWN, SO DO BY FAR THE VAST MAJORITY OF CANADIANS. WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE AND BUILD THIS SENSE OF SELF-CONFIDENCE.