

**International Brotherhood of Teamsters and Teamsters Canada
Commitment to Joint Advocacy and Shared Policy Agenda**

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has served to remind us of our global interconnectedness, especially as Teamsters in essential occupations; and

WHEREAS, leadership and staff of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters in the U.S. and Teamsters Canada coordinate closely on globalization issues including transportation, energy, and fair trade policy; and

WHEREAS, this coordination is particularly important as both of our countries build back from the devastation of the COVID-19 pandemic toward a global economy that appropriately values and respects the working people who have kept North America functioning throughout the past year; and

WHEREAS, Teamsters Canada fights for and in many cases has achieved policy changes for workers, in healthcare, union density and workplace protections that we aspire to in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration initiated dispute settlement proceedings under the United States Canada Free Trade Agreement (USMCA) against Canada, alleging that Canada is unfairly limiting the ability of American dairy producers to sell their products north of the border; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. complaint is unfounded and nothing Canada has done constitutes any threat whatsoever to jobs in the United States and the US complaint, if successful, will threaten the livelihoods of hundreds of Canadian Teamsters in the dairy sector; and

WHEREAS, Canadian companies that provide goods and services in binational procurement supply chains should enjoy exemptions from Buy American regulations because the U.S. and Canada have similar commitments to labor rights and strong environmental standards and uniform worker accreditation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Brotherhood of Teamsters will continue to lobby the Biden Administration in support of an outcome in these dispute settlement proceedings which protects Teamster dairy jobs in Canada; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the International Brotherhood of Teamsters will continue to lobby in support of an exemption from buy American regulations for Canadian companies that provide goods and services in binational procurement supply chains, and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that in addition to these specific fair trade priorities, leadership and staff of the International Union in the U.S. and Teamsters Canada will proactively seek out additional opportunities in which we may jointly advocate for policies that ensure the prosperity, safety and dignity of our membership throughout North America.