

Canada's Premiers Advocate for Stronger Ties During Visit to Washington, D.C.

OTTAWA, February 12, 2025 – All 13 of Canada's Premiers travelled to Washington, D.C. this week as part of a joint mission to strengthen Canada-U.S. relations. Doug Ford, Chair of the Council of the Federation, led the group of Premiers, who are united in their view that tariffs on Canadian goods, if implemented, would hurt workers and businesses on both sides of the border.

Canada's Premiers met with bipartisan members of Congress, and American and Canadian business leaders. Canada's Premiers were also invited to the White House to meet with senior advisers to President Trump. During this discussion, Canada's Premiers stressed the need to work together to avoid tariffs which would hurt workers on both sides of the border. They also listened and learned about opportunities to work with the Trump administration to align on and achieve shared priorities, including creating jobs, growing economies and protecting communities from the impact of fentanyl and other illegal drugs.

The Council of the Federation comprises all 13 provincial and territorial Premiers. It enables Premiers to work collaboratively, form closer ties, foster constructive relationships among governments, and show leadership on important issues that matter to Canadians.

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