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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the March 19, 2025, Executive Committee meeting on item 2025.EX21.2, Mayor's Economic Action Plan in Response to United States Tariffs

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Comments:

Public procurement is a powerful tool for economic growth, supporting local businesses, and advancing diversity. Prioritizing small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), diverse-owned businesses, and Canadian suppliers helps drive innovation, create jobs, and sustain vibrant communities.

At the same time, many foreign-owned companies contribute significantly to Canada's economy, employing millions and investing in local supply chains and workforce development. In 2022, multinational enterprises—both Canadian and foreign—employed nearly 5 million people nationwide.

A balanced procurement approach should support homegrown businesses while recognizing the interconnected nature of our economy. Boycotting companies that employ Canadians is counterproductive. Instead, we must champion policies that strengthen local businesses, attract investment, and reinforce Canada's position as a competitive, open economy.

Thank you,

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