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Premier Christine Fréchette
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Dear Premier Fréchette:

Thank you for your recent visit to Washington and your work to promote U.S.-Québec trade relations. I am writing today to express my strong support for lifting Québec's current restrictions on the importation and sale of American wine.

The United States and Québec share a long-standing relationship grounded in trade, cultural exchange, and mutual economic benefit. As you know, the U.S. is the top export market for Québec and received 73.5 percent of Québec's exports in 2024, worth \$91.2 billion. The United States is also Québec's largest supplier, accounting for 33.3 percent of total imports in past years.

Québec consumers have historically enjoyed access to a wide variety of American wines, and their absence limits choice in the marketplace, while cutting off a \$434 million market. Unfortunately, the restriction on American wine has had damaging consequences for regional consumers, businesses, and producers who have no influence over national policies. In fact, I have repeatedly voiced my opposition to and voted against the President's harmful trade policies, including as they pertain to Canada. As a U.S. Senator on the Senate Agriculture Committee, I have had the great fortune of spending time with and learning about the challenges and opportunities of California's winegrowers. They take great pride in their work, are essential to the state and national economy, and have brought tremendous value – in culture and in taste – to Americans and Canadians alike.

Reopening the market to American wine would restore consumer choice and signal a commitment to restoring fair and balanced trade for Québécois consumers and American wineries who have no connection to the underlying trade disputes. I hope to visit with you and other Canadian leaders about this and other issues during an official visit to Canada in October of this year. I welcome the opportunity to engage in dialogue and work collaboratively toward a resolution.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam B. Schiff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Adam" and last name "Schiff" clearly legible, and "B." in the middle.

U.S. Senator Adam Schiff