



November 5, 2019

Director Adele Fasano
U.S. Customs and Border Protection Field Office
9901 Pacific Highway
Blaine, WA 98230

Dear Director Fasano:

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) proposed adjusted hours of operation at the Antler, Carbury and Maida ports of entry in North Dakota will negatively impact the local and regional economies, reduce the transferability of goods and services and inhibit tourism. My office is committed to maintaining the vital and convenient access between North Dakota and our neighbor and important economic partner, Manitoba.

While we support the effort to create efficiencies, we are concerned with the change of hours at locations that have seen increased crossings. In fiscal year 2017-2018 we have seen an increase in automobile crossings and truck crossings at each of the three proposed ports of entry, which can be seen in the table below.

Ports in Discussion	Automobiles			Trucks		
	Fiscal 2017	Fiscal 2018	% Change	Fiscal 2017	Fiscal 2018	% Change
Antler	7068	7628	7.92%	1813	3023	66.74%
Carbury	10966	12066	10.03%	1588	2062	29.85%
Maida	6276	6458	2.90%	1386	1495	7.86%

Data provided from US Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

We urge the CBP to maintain the current hours of operation at the ports of entry identified on the North Dakota and Manitoba border.

Regards,

Doug Burgum

Cc: Honorable Brian Pallister, Premier of Manitoba
Jason Schmelz, Area Port Director, U.S. Customs and Border Protection
Cody Schulz, Director, North Dakota Homeland Security
Bill Panos, Director, North Dakota Department of Transportation