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## **The Three Amigos summit reveals the Trudeau government's approach to Washington is not working**

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**Ottawa, ON** – The Hon. Michael Chong, Conservative Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Randy Hoback, Conservative Shadow Minister for International Trade and Supply Chain Resilience, issued the following statement regarding the Three Amigos summit:

“It is clear that Canada’s relationship with the United States has declined under Mr. Trudeau, hurting cross-border businesses and threatening Canadian jobs. The U.S. is Canada’s most important trading partner. One in five jobs here depend on exports to the U.S.

“Canadians were promised a renewed relationship by Mr. Trudeau. Instead, we got the doubling of tariffs on softwood lumber, stringent Buy American policies, measures targeting agricultural exports, and actions against energy pipelines - contributing to skyrocketing energy prices. And now, the U.S. is threatening measures that could shut Canada out of EV auto manufacturing.

“These actions by the United States are a serious threat to Canadian jobs and to Canada’s economic recovery from the pandemic. The president of the Automotive Parts Manufacturers’ Association, Flavio Volpe, has said that the EV measures being proposed are worse for the auto industry than the steep tariffs proposed by President Trump.

“Mr. Trudeau’s approach to these threats has been to play down their seriousness and to sound hopeful. Downplaying these threats and being hopeful is not a plan to protect Canadian jobs.

“It’s clear Prime Minister Trudeau does not have a close working relationship with President Biden. The President was not willing to co-host a press conference with the Prime Minister following the Three Amigos summit taking place today. The Prime Minister had to invoke the 1977 Transit Pipelines treaty because he was not able to get a call with the President to resolve the issues around Line 5.

“Canada’s Conservatives believe we need to rebuild our standing in Washington in order to protect Canadian jobs. That means taking a clear and strong stand with the Biden administration to defend Canadian workers and Canadian industry. It means working with the White House toward a North American energy framework to ensure an orderly energy transition through cross-border cooperation on critical minerals and EV manufacturing while avoiding a crisis because of skyrocketing energy prices. It means working with the United States on a collective strategy in the Indo-Pacific region.”

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