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## **Plumbing Manufacturers International Welcomes Bipartisan Agreement on USMCA**

McLean, Va. – Dec. 11, 2019 – Plumbing Manufacturers International today welcomed the news of the bipartisan agreement between the Trump administration and Congress that sets a path forward on the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement with the support of Mexico and Canada.

“PMI members were pleased to learn about this important step toward a ratified United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement,” said PMI CEO/Executive Director Kerry Stackpole. “The plumbing manufacturing industry prospers upon free trade between these three great North American nations, and reaching this milestone brings confidence to our members as we enter 2020.”

PMI will continue to monitor the process and supports the approval of the USMCA in the weeks ahead. “We especially thank United States Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, members of the Trump administration, and a number of members of Congress who listened to the concerns of manufacturers and contributed to this important agreement,” Stackpole added.

U.S. manufacturers are the largest exporter of plumbing products into Canada’s and Mexico’s marketplaces. The U.S. plumbing products comprised 41 percent of Canada’s import market, and 54 percent of the Mexican import market, according to the latest U.S. Department of Commerce International Trade Administration’s Building Products and Sustainable Construction Top Markets Report.

### **About Plumbing Manufacturers International**

Plumbing Manufacturers International (PMI) is the trade association of plumbing product manufacturers that produce more than 90 percent of the United States’ plumbing products, represent more than 150 iconic brands, and develop safe, reliable and innovative water-efficient plumbing technologies. PMI members contribute more than 464,000 jobs and \$85.5 billion in economic impact to America's economy.

With a vision of safe, responsible plumbing – always, PMI advocates for plumbing product performance contributing to water efficiency and savings, sustainability, public health and safety, and consumer satisfaction. PMI members manufacture water-efficient toilets, urinals, faucets, showerheads and other products at more than 70 locations across the country and market them online and in more than 24,000 home improvement stores, hardware stores and showrooms in all 50 states. For more information on PMI, contact the organization at 1750 Tysons Blvd., Ste. 1500, McLean, Va., 22102; tel.: [847-481-5500](tel:847-481-5500); fax: [847-481-5501](tel:847-481-5501). [www.safeplumbing.org](http://www.safeplumbing.org).

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