

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel
(including expenses of participants and general expenses associated with travel)

Ministry	Executive Council
Title of Travel	Premier's Council of the Federation (COF)/Washington D.C. Mission
Location	Washington, D.C.
Date(s)	February 9-13, 2025
Participants	Honourable Scott Moe, Premier of Saskatchewan Jodi Banks, Deputy Minister of Trade and Export Development Jared Dunlop, Chief of Staff to Premier Moe Ashley Wass, Executive Director of Issues Management to Premier Moe
Purpose of Travel	Advocacy for maintaining strong Canada/Saskatchewan – U.S. Relations, fair trade and addressing border concerns with the new U.S. Administration.
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants	
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)	\$5,324.53
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)	\$174.13
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)	\$9,139.58
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)	\$1,179.64
Conference & Registration Fees	\$0.00
Miscellaneous (including incidentals, parking, temporary cell phone upgrades, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and vaccination fees, and other sundry expenditures)	\$254.40
Subtotal	\$16,072.28
General Travel Expenditures	
Business Hosting Expenses (expenses for luncheon and/or dinner meetings hosted by the Government of Saskatchewan, including food, beverages, catering staff, service charges, equipment, and entertainment)	\$0.00
Miscellaneous (Including meeting rooms, translator and interpreter fees, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)	\$3,775.99
Subtotal	\$3,775.99
TOTAL	\$19,848.27

Overview of Travel and Objectives

The United States (U.S.) is SK's most important trading and investment partner. In 2024, SK exported \$26.7 billion (B) (58% of all exports) to the U.S and imported \$13.3B (81% of all imports) from the U.S.

This mission was comprised of two parts, a Council of the Federation (COF) Program and a separate Saskatchewan Program.

COF Program:

- The purpose of this travel was for Premier Scott Moe to attend the 2025 COF Mission to Washington in response to U.S. President Donald Trump's imposition of tariffs.
- Established in 2003, COF comprises the 13 Premiers of Canada's Provinces and Territories (PTs). It is a forum for managing PT relations with the federal government, reinforcing the work of sectoral forums, and providing leadership on issues of importance to Canadians.
- The meetings were held in Washington, D.C. and presented an opportunity for Premiers to meet with bipartisan members of Congress, and American, and Canadian business leaders. Premiers secured a meeting with senior level officials in the Trump Administration to advocate for Canada and emphasize the importance of strong Canada-US relations in response to broad-reaching import tariffs imposed by the Trump Administration.
- Saskatchewan's key objectives during the meetings were to advocate for Saskatchewan exports and to support a collaborative approach to Canada-US relations through COF.

Premier Moe's Saskatchewan Program:

- Underscore that secure supply chains between Canada/SK and the U.S. are integral to trade and economic growth in all jurisdictions, particularly as both countries aim to grow their economies.
- Highlight the new Saskatchewan Border Security Plan announced on January 14, 2025.
- Convey SK's importance in North American food and energy security.
- Emphasize how tariffs will be harmful to both Canada/SK and the U.S., driving up prices of energy, food, and household necessities on both sides of the border.

Travel Activity

Premier Moe joined the COF delegation in Washington, D.C. on February 12, 2025. Canada's Premiers secured meetings with senior officials at the White House.

- Public outcomes included one joint communiqué emphasizing the need to work together to avoid tariffs which would hurt workers on both sides of the border. They also discussed opportunities to work with the Trump Administration to align on and achieve shared priorities, including creating jobs, growing economies, and protecting communities from the impact of fentanyl and other illegal drugs.

- The communiqué is available on the COF website at: <https://canadaspremiers.ca/canadas-premiers-advocate-for-stronger-ties-during-visit-to-washington-d-c/>

While in Washington, D.C., Premier Moe met with elected officials from the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate, and representatives of the U.S. Administration, including:

- Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC);
- Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA);
- Senator Dave McCormick (R-PA);
- Senator Tim Sheehy (R-MT);
- Senator Tim Scott (R-SC);
- Representative Troy Balderson (R-OH);
- Representative Troy Downing (R-MT);
- Representative Julie Fedorchak (R-ND);
- Representative Russell Fry (R-SC);
- Representative Tim Kennedy (D-NY);
- Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA);
- Representative Bob Latta (R-OH);
- Representative Adrian Smith (R-NE);
- James Blair, Deputy Chief of Staff to the President;
- Doug Burgum, U.S. Secretary of the Interior;
- Sergio Gor, Director of the White House Presidential Personnel Office; and
- Chris Wright, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy.

Premier Moe met with executives and senior officials at:

- Enbridge Inc.;
- Council on Foreign Relations;
- TC Energy;
- Cenovus Energy; and
- North American Millers' Association.