

Foreign affairs, Defence and Trade Committee  
Department of the Senate  
Parliament House  
Canberra, ACT 2600

**Re: Inquiry into Australia's relationship with Mexico**

We are citizens of Australia and Mexico and want to express our ideas in these two topics: a) potential opportunities for enhanced trade and investment ties and b) Increased collaboration in the education sector and the potential for extending scholarship programs to Mexico.

**a) Potential opportunities for enhanced trade and investment ties**

Firstly, we think that having a direct air route from Australia major cities (Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane) to at least Mexico city will help to increase businesses between the two countries and the number of international students as well as tourism from both countries and potentially Central America, as it will be more appealing having just one long haul flight to the country of destination than be on transit in the USA, which you will also need to request a visa on top of the Australian one.

Families and friends of Mexicans and people from Central America living in Australia would visit more frequently Australia and Australians

By having a commercial and cargo route can increase the exportations of agriculture, livestock and other products of both countries.

Additionally, there are further opportunities to other type of businesses such as services, like call centers and secondary such as manufacturing with very high standards of quality.

**b) Increased collaboration in the education sector and the potential for extending scholarship programs to Mexico**

Australian government should consider:

- Recognize the Mexican university programs of health degrees such as medicine, nursing and dentist.
- Mexican students of any masters or PhD are a potential to fulfill gaps in the Australian professions or skills needed therefore extending scholarship programs or increasing the number of joint researches will be beneficial.

Kind regards,

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