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(SD)-Thune, Pork Producers Think Closing Mexican Border A Bad Idea

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (ap) - South Dakota U-S Senator John Thune, the #2 ranking Republican, has solidly supported President Trump on nearly every issue the past two years, but doesn't like the president's threat to close the border with Mexico.

Thune, the Senate Majority Whip, told Politico that such threats are "part of the way he negotiates but I'm not sure that's a particularly good idea and I'm not sure it gets the desired result."

Thune said he believes of a closed border that "Tactically it doesn't get a result and probably has a lot of unintended consequences ... there's a lot of bilateral trade at the border."

In a related story, the National Pork Producers Council has asked the Trump administration to carefully consider the fallout from cutting off trade between the United States and Mexico at a time when American farmers are already facing mounting financial losses from retaliatory tariffs by Mexico and China.

Pork Producers Council President David Herring, a North Carolina producer, says exports to Mexico are already down 28% and to China 32% this year - leaving many farmers "at the breaking point" and unable to afford a total loss of the Mexican market, which accounted for more than 20% of U-S pork exports last year.

Herring says the Producers Council recognizes the importance of border security, it "respectfully" asks the Trump administration to proceed cautiously and consider the implications of cutting off trade with a market so vital for rural America.