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## Risks and Opportunities of USMCA (NAFTA 2.0) highlighted during October 25 Symposium at Macomb/ OU Business Incubator

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*Butzel Long attorneys and Macomb County's Director of Planning and Economic Development will discuss how local businesses can navigate rapid changes*

DETROIT, Mich. – After more than a year, the United States, Mexico and Canada reached a trade deal on September 30, 2018. What will the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement – USMCA – (NAFTA 2.0) mean now for U.S. companies already doing business on the ground with Mexico and Canada?

Butzel Long law firm and the Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development are co-sponsoring a program to discuss the risks, opportunities and how local businesses can respond during a free symposium from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at the Velocity Collaboration Center – Macomb/ OU Incubator, located at 6633 Eighteen Mile Road in Sterling Heights. Reservations are required and seating is limited. To RSVP, contact Nairi Bagdasarian at [bagdasarian@butzel.com](mailto:bagdasarian@butzel.com)

“Since the beginning of 2018, we’ve seen an unprecedented flood of new tariffs either threatened or enacted – tariffs on solar panels and washing machines, steel and aluminum tariffs, tariffs on Chinese imports, tariffs on automobiles and automotive components,” said **Jim Townsend**, attorney and Chair of Butzel’s Macomb County Development Team. “We will address how local companies can seize opportunities and minimize threats to their businesses along with key strategies to protect from shifting trade rules.”

Featured presenters include **John Paul Rea**, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Macomb County. In addition, Butzel Long attorneys who have expertise in Internal Trade Law, will offer key updates including:

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- **Les Glick** is co-chair of Butzel Long's International Trade and Customs Specialty Team. He has extensive experience in the areas of international trade and customs law.
- **Catherine Karol** concentrates her Butzel Long practice in transactional negotiations, litigation, regulatory compliance, mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, and bankruptcy proceedings.
- **Raul Rangel** is a corporate attorney, who is licensed to practice law in New York and in Mexico. Mr. Rangel works closely with other Butzel attorneys to represent organizations doing business in Mexico and the United States in a broad range of industries.
- **Mitch Zajac** concentrates his Butzel Long practice in the areas of automotive, intellectual property, regulatory and emissions compliance, and sports and entertainment law.

### **About the Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development**

The mission of the Macomb County Department of Planning & Economic Development is to retain, grow and attract economic investment while improving the overall quality of life for residents and businesses in Macomb County.