Comprehensive trade agreements that open markets and lower trade barriers are crucial to support the growth of U.S. dairy exports.

Current Trade Barriers
- The UK is still a member of the EU and thus, U.S. dairy exports are subject to high tariffs and overly burdensome non-tariff barriers.

Competitor's Advantage
- The UK has been a part of the European Customs Union since the 1970s, allowing dairy exports into the country from Europe to flourish. Today, nearly all of the UK’s imports come from the EU, while the U.S. maintains only a small sliver of the volume.

IDFA Position
- Brexit allows the U.S. an opportunity to expand sales of cheese, butter, and other dairy products. A bilateral trade agreement with the UK must include: elimination of tariffs, strong sanitary and phytosanitary measures, and protections for common cheese names.