



## What motivates tariffs for President Trump?

- Leverage: Migration, fentanyl, national security, etc.
  - March 4 25% tariffs on USMCA, adjusted March 6
  - February 4/March 4 China tariffs, 20% total
- Disrupt status quo, consolidate power
- Protect industry
  - 232 autos/steel and aluminum
  - Ongoing 232 investigations of lumber/copper, 301 of Chinese maritime, DSTs
  - Expected investigations in pharmaceutical, chips and agricultural sectors
- "Reciprocity:" Chile/other FTA partners did well
- Address trade deficits (!!)
- Revenue
- China: 125% tariff (plus 301, AD/CVD, EV), May 2 de minimus elimination, secondary tariffs on Venezuelan oil purchases



## **Guardrails?**

- Congress: House/Senate bills, but midterms and veto threat in sight...
- Trading partners
- Courts: case filed last week, others ready
- Cabinet
- Local leadership: governors, mayors
- Public opinion, especially of MAGA faithful
- Markets

