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1 TO THE HONORABLE DONALD J. TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
2 AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
4 THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

5 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
6 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled,
7 respectfully represent and petition as follows:

8 WHEREAS, The United States and Canada have one of the largest
9 trading relationships in the world, and Canada is the United States'
10 largest export market, valued at \$320 billion in goods and services
11 and the United States is Canada's largest export market, valued at
12 \$308 billion in goods and services; and

13 WHEREAS, Free, fair, open, and mutually beneficial trade between
14 our two countries will continue to strengthen the economies of both
15 countries; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2016, trade between the United States and Canada
17 totaled over \$1.7 billion in goods and services every day, supporting
18 9 million jobs in the United States, and 2.1 million jobs in Canada;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, In the more than 20 years since the three countries
21 entered into the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), North
22 American trade has tripled from \$340 billion (in 1993) to \$1.2
23 trillion (in 2016); and

1 WHEREAS, On March 1, 2018, United States section 232 tariffs were
2 announced on steel and aluminum by 25% and 10% respectively,
3 initially granting Canada and Mexico waivers; and

4 WHEREAS, On June 30, 2018, the United States revoked the waivers
5 and levied tariffs on both Canada and Mexico; and

6 WHEREAS, On July 1, 2018, Canada imposed retaliatory tariffs on
7 United States products totaling \$12.8 billion. By July 5th, Mexican
8 retaliatory tariffs on \$3 billion worth of United States products
9 were imposed; and

10 WHEREAS, North American integration under NAFTA has helped to
11 make the region more competitive in the world economy by providing
12 highly integrated and valuable supply chains, common rules and
13 harmonized regulations that enhance cross-border trade and economic
14 development in each participating county, and jobs in North American
15 communities that depend on efficient and effective supply chains; and

16 WHEREAS, Canada and Mexico are the number 1 and 3 export markets
17 for United States agriculture products, \$20.6 billion to Canada and
18 \$18.6 billion to Mexico; and

19 WHEREAS, Since NAFTA was signed in 1992, agriculture exports from
20 the United States have increased from \$8.7 billion in 1992 to \$39
21 billion in 2017; and

22 WHEREAS, Canada was Washington's second largest trade partner in
23 2017, with total exports of \$8.8 billion in goods and services
24 annually, representing more than 223,300 jobs in Washington; and

25 WHEREAS, Canada has agreed to grade imports of United States
26 wheat in a manner no less favorable than which it accords Canadian
27 wheat, and not require a country of origin statement on its quality
28 grade or inspection certificate; and

29 WHEREAS, Canada, Mexico, and the United States have agreed, by
30 signing the United States, Mexico, and Canada Agreement, to make
31 targeted improvements to NAFTA that build on the successful North
32 American partnership and our shared competitiveness in the global
33 marketplace;

34 WHEREAS, The Washington State Senate and House of Representatives
35 support the ratification of the United States, Mexico, and Canada
36 Agreement;

37 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that Congress
38 immediately ratify the United States, Mexico, and Canada Agreement
39 and remove steel and aluminum tariffs on Canada and Mexico; and

1 Your Memorialists further pray that Congress call on Canada and
2 Mexico to remove retaliatory tariffs on all United States goods and
3 services.

4 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
5 transmitted to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United
6 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
7 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State
8 of Washington.

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