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By Senators Honeyford, Ericksen, and Bailey

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 most
9 extensive trading relationships in the world, and Canada is the
10 United States' largest export market, valued at 320 billion dollars
11 in goods and services and the United States is Canada's largest
12 export market, valued at 308 billion dollars in goods and services;
13 and

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

17 WHEREAS, In 2016, trade between the U.S. and Canada totaled over
18 1.7 billion dollars in goods and services every day, supporting nine
19 million jobs in the U.S. and 2.1 million jobs in Canada; and

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

1 WHEREAS, On March 1, 2018, U.S. Sec. 232 tariffs were announced
2 on steel and aluminum by twenty-five percent and ten percent
3 respectively (Canada and Mexico initially granted waivers); and

4 WHEREAS, On June 30, 2018, the U.S. revoked the waivers and
5 levied tariffs on both Canada and Mexico; and

6 WHEREAS, On July 1, 2018, Canada imposed retaliatory tariffs on
7 U.S. products totaling 12.8 billion dollars; by July 5th, Mexico had
8 imposed three billion dollars worth of retaliatory tariffs on U.S.
9 products; 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 increase the speed and global
14 competitiveness of our businesses, driving investment and embedding
15 value in each other's economic success, and providing jobs in North
16 American communities that depend on efficient and effective supply
17 chains; and

18 WHEREAS, Canada and Mexico are the number one and number three
19 export markets for U.S. agriculture products (20.6 billion dollars to
20 Canada and 18.6 billion dollars to Mexico); and

21 WHEREAS, Since NAFTA was signed in 1992, agriculture exports from
22 the U.S. have increased from 8.7 billion dollars in 1992 to 39
23 billion dollars in 2017; and

24 WHEREAS, Canada was Washington's second largest trade partner in
25 2017, with total exports of 8.8 billion dollars in goods and services
26 annually, representing more than two hundred twenty-three thousand
27 three hundred jobs in Washington; and

28 WHEREAS, Canada has agreed to grade imports of U.S. wheat in a
29 manner no less favorable than it accords Canadian wheat, and does not
30 require a country of origin statement on its quality grade or
31 inspection certificate; and

32 WHEREAS, By signing the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement,
33 Canada, Mexico, and the U.S. have agreed to make targeted
34 improvements to NAFTA that build on the enormously successful North
35 American partnership and our shared competitiveness in the global
36 marketplace;

37 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the U.S.
38 Congress ratify the United States-Mexico-Canada agreement as soon as
39 possible; and

1 BE IT RESOLVED, Your Memorialists encourage the administration to
2 remove steel and aluminum tariffs on Canada and Mexico; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Your Memorialists call on Canada and
4 Mexico to subsequently remove retaliatory tariffs on all U.S. goods
5 and services; and

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

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