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**By** Representatives Tarleton, Chandler, Ryu, Steele, Fey, Dye, Morris, Slatter, Wylie, and Valdez

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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