

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Introduced: 2/13/26

Referred: Labor & Commerce

A RESOLUTION

1 **Supporting continuation of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement.**

2 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 **WHEREAS** the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement was negotiated during the
4 first administration of President Donald J. Trump as a modernization of the North American
5 Free Trade Agreement, and was later approved by the United States Congress with bipartisan
6 support, reflecting a continued national commitment to stable and cooperative North
7 American trade; and

8 **WHEREAS** the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement has been mutually
9 beneficial for all parties since the agreement entered into force on July 1, 2020; and

10 **WHEREAS** the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement has provided a stable and
11 predictable framework for trade and investment that allows state residents to plan with
12 confidence; and

13 **WHEREAS** the state has specifically benefited from increased trade with Canada
14 facilitated by the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in 2024, imports to the state from Canada exceeded \$1,000,000,000; and

16 **WHEREAS** imports to the state from Canada include essential resources and

1 components, including \$351,000,000 in petroleum products, \$62,000,000 in metals, and
2 \$61,000,000 in machinery; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in 2024, exports from the state to Canada exceeded \$614,000,000; and

4 **WHEREAS** close integration between the United States and Canada has created more
5 efficient supply chains and has enhanced the competitiveness of United States industries in
6 the global market; and

7 **WHEREAS** the state's small businesses benefit from free access to Canadian markets
8 and predictable trade relationships maintained by the United States-Mexico-Canada
9 Agreement; and

10 **WHEREAS** Canada supports 20,300 employees in the state, and Canadian-owned
11 businesses provide an additional 5,950 jobs for state residents; and

12 **WHEREAS** 25 percent tariffs were imposed on imports of Canadian steel in March of
13 2018; and

14 **WHEREAS**, by May of 2019, importation of Canadian steel to the state dropped by
15 37.8 percent, representing the lowest level of steel imports in nearly a decade; and

16 **WHEREAS** the state's unique geographical location makes efficient cross-border
17 trade with Canada essential for accessing supplies that are crucial to the state's businesses and
18 communities; and

19 **WHEREAS** United States tariffs were met with retaliatory tariffs that harmed
20 producers, businesses, and consumers in both the state and Canada; and

21 **WHEREAS** the significant costs incurred by the tariffs are passed on to consumers in
22 the state; and

23 **WHEREAS** Canada and Mexico have committed to ending retaliatory tariffs after
24 United States tariffs have been lifted; and

25 **WHEREAS** barriers to trade with the United States may incentivize Canada to pursue
26 alternative trade relationships that will become more difficult to unwind over time; and

27 **WHEREAS** Canada is a close national defense partner, and prolonging tariff-related
28 tensions risks weakening this critical defense partnership; and

29 **WHEREAS** positive relationships with Canada facilitate the state's multi-billion-
30 dollar tourism industry; and

31 **WHEREAS** the 2026 joint review of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement

1 represents an opportunity to extend and improve the agreement, while removing tariffs and
2 barriers to profitable trade and positive relationships between the state and Canada;

3 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature reaffirms its support for
4 extending the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement; and be it

5 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the federal
6 administration's efforts to modernize and improve the United States-Mexico-Canada
7 Agreement; and be it

8 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the federal
9 administration to end disruptive tariffs on Canada and Mexico.

10 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President
11 of the United States; the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada; the
12 Honorable JD Vance, Vice President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate;
13 the Honorable Mike Johnson, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and the
14 Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the
15 Honorable Nicholas Begich, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
16 Congress.