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Senate Joint Resolution 25

Sponsor Statement

“Supporting continuation of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement.”

Senate Joint Resolution 25 expresses support for the continuation and modernization of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) and encourage reduction of barriers to North American trade.

Due to Alaska’s distinctive geography, the state derives outsized economic benefit from strong trade relationships with neighboring Canada. Key Alaskan industries, businesses, and consumers depend on free and predictable trade with Canadian partners. USMCA has provided this framework and facilitated over one billion dollars in annual trade between Canada and Alaska. Stability is essential for continued investment and cooperation between Alaska and its closest trading partner.

USMCA passed the house in 2019 with 385 representatives in support and only 41 against, it was approved in the senate by a vote of 89 to 10 and was signed into law in 2020 by President Trump. The scheduled 2026 review presents an opportunity to preserve the economic benefits to participating countries while pursuing targeted modernization and removing obstacles to continued cooperation. Predictable trade policy is essential to secure investment and sustain economic growth.

A strong Alaska-Canada relationship supports tourism, integrated supply chains and broader regional cooperation. Sustained trade barriers limit access to affordable goods and services and pass costs on to Alaskan consumers.

Supporting the continuation and modernization of USMCA promotes economic stability, protects jobs, and strengthens long-term growth across Alaska.