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**CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25(L&C)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered:  
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Supporting efforts to modernize and improve the United States-Mexico-Canada**  
2 **Agreement; and supporting simplified border crossings and free trade with Canada and**  
3 **Mexico.**

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

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

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

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

15 **WHEREAS** the state has specifically benefited from increased trade with Canada

1 facilitated by the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement; and

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

3 **WHEREAS** imports to the state from Canada include essential resources and  
4 components, including \$351,000,000 in petroleum products, \$62,000,000 in metals, and  
5 \$61,000,000 in machinery; and

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

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

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

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

15 **WHEREAS** 25 percent tariffs were imposed on imports of Canadian steel in March of  
16 2018; and

17 **WHEREAS**, by May of 2019, importation of Canadian steel to the state dropped by  
18 37.8 percent, representing the lowest level of steel imports in nearly a decade; and

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

22 **WHEREAS** free trade between the United States, Canada, and Mexico makes goods  
23 cheaper, expands markets, and creates opportunities for economic growth; and

24 **WHEREAS** smooth and efficient border crossings for commuters, regular travelers,  
25 and their pets will grow trust and mutual goodwill between North American countries; and

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

28 **WHEREAS** the 2026 joint review of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement  
29 represents an opportunity to extend and improve the agreement, while removing tariffs and  
30 barriers to profitable trade and positive relationships between the state and Canada;

31 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature reaffirms its support for

1 extending the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement; and be it

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

5 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the creation of a  
6 program that would simplify border crossings for trusted commuters, regular travelers, and  
7 their pets; and be it

8 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the federal  
9 administration to work toward a system of free trade with 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.