



February 28, 2025

The Honorable Chuck Kopp
House of Representatives
Alaska State Capitol
120 4th Street, Room 204
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Kopp,

I am writing to express my strong support for House Joint Resolution 11. As Canada's Consul General in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska, I believe that this legislation would serve as a welcome reminder of the strong ties between two Northern neighbours.

Canada and the United States (U.S.) have so much in common: our democratic values, cultural ties, vast natural resources, and breathtaking landscapes. Alaska and Canada are particularly aligned when it comes to shared defence—including in the Arctic—responsible development and maximizing our trade relationships.

Our two countries are integral to each other's economic prosperity. Canada is by far the U.S.'s biggest customer, buying more goods from the U.S. each year than China, Japan, France, and the U.K. *combined*. Nearly eight million U.S. jobs are supported by trade with Canada and our bilateral trade totals \$1 trillion every year. Canadian imports fuel American manufacturing, as 70 per cent of these goods are utilized to create new products in the U.S.

In Alaska, trade with Canada supports over 20,000 jobs and Canadian companies directly employ 4,350 workers. The state annually exports almost \$600 million in goods like meats, seafood, ores, fuel oil, and wood products to Canada. If tariffs are imposed on Canada, it would put Alaskan jobs and industries in jeopardy. Instead, we should continue to build on the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement that President Trump negotiated in his first term, and work to strengthen our robust supply chains.

The U.S. and Canada share one of the most secure borders in the world. Law enforcement agencies in our two countries share information on and coordinate resources to combat criminal enterprises, illegal migration, and drug trafficking. Canada's Border Plan commits the equivalent of USD 900 million to enhance the good work we are already doing together, as well as establishing a Canada-U.S. Strike Force, investing in surveillance equipment and increasing border personnel.

Furthermore, we are each other's closest allies on defence. Canadian and American armed forces jointly protect our continent through the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) which is the only binational command in the world. At the Alaskan NORAD Region, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Canadian and American military personnel detect and respond to threats like intercontinental ballistic missiles, terrorism, aircraft, and space vehicles. This includes the increasingly critical Arctic region, where our armed forces are the first line of defence against increased military activities by Russia and China. In November 2024, Canada, the U.S., and Finland agreed to develop Arctic and polar icebreakers under the Icebreaker Collaboration Effort Pact, an important step that will boost our shipbuilding industries and strengthen protection in the region.

We are also partners in critical minerals development and production. Both Canada and Alaska take pride in responsible mineral development, and we should continue to build strong integrated supply chains together.

Thank you for introducing this important resolution, and I appreciate your consideration of this important matter. If there is anything else I can do to support this worthy initiative, please do not hesitate to contact me at Craig.Weichel@international.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



Craig Weichel
Consul General

Rep. Kopp and Alaska legislators:

My name is Tom Morphet, Haines Borough Mayor. Thank you for this opportunity to address HJR 11 recognizing the Alaska-Canada relationship, and thank you for considering it.

Here in Haines we live cheek by jowl with our Canadian neighbors, whose nation abuts our municipality.

The relationship we share with Canadians is ancient, personal and familial, as the Tlingit people of our town and the Southern Tutchone people of nearby Haines Junction, Yukon, are related by blood through thousands of years of trade, cultural relations and intermarriage.

Historically, trade items including eulachon oil, moose hides, metal tools and copper currency flowed freely between the people of this region. Cross-border indigenous trade continues to this day in items including salmon, eulachon oil, and Native crafts.

Modern commercial trade between Haines and Yukon Territory is significant. Haines businesses routinely purchase equipment and machinery at suppliers in Whitehorse, Y.T. The Haines-based Haines Packing Co. sells Haines-caught salmon and other seafood products to Canadians at its store in downtown Whitehorse. Canadian businesses drill most of the water wells in our town and also provide much of our firewood.

Haines residents rely on Canada for emergency medical care at the Whitehorse hospital, for veterinary services, for RCMP coverage and emergency services in Chilkat Pass, and for use of Canada's public lands and parks, among other services.

Haines residents travel to Canada to reach mainland Alaska and the Lower 48, and to buy cars, to shop for groceries, to camp, to see a movie and to have their ice skates sharpened.

Participation by Canadians is critical to the success of many Haines events including the Kluane to Chilkat International Bicycle Relay, Great Alaska Craft Beer and Homebrew Festival, Haines Coho Derby Southeast, Alaska State Fair, Sunball Softball Tournament, and many school and adult sporting competitions and cultural events.

In this region, Alaskans and Yukoners share a long history of mutual assistance. After the tragic Haines landslides of 2020, the City of Whitehorse gifted our community \$15,000 cash to help with recovery. When our local medical clinic stopped delivering babies in the late 1980s, a generation of Haines moms birthed their children at the Whitehorse hospital. In 2015, the Haines Borough traded 50 sockeye salmon for a used Zamboni from Village of Haines Junction. Rescue teams from both nations have responded to emergencies along the empty, 100-mile stretch of wilderness that separate our towns.

In many ways we are connected at the hip to our Canadian neighbors. In many ways, we are more alike than either of us are to our countrymen in the southern latitudes.

For all these reasons and others too many to cite here, we stand steadfast for continued warm and peaceful relations with our Canadian neighbors and family members, in perpetuity.

As a side note, I was in Canada last weekend, where I had the opportunity to speak personally with Yukon's Member of Parliament Brendan Hanley. MP Hanley was heartened and encouraged to see a copy of HJR 11.

Also, on Tuesday, March 11, the Haines Borough Assembly approved a resolution recognizing and supporting the sovereignty of the nation of Canada, as per a request by Diane Strand, Mayor of the Village of Haines Junction, Y.T.

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Good afternoon Madam Chair,

My name is Stephen Johnson and I have the privilege of being the Mayor of the City of Dawson, Yukon, Canada as of October, 2024.

I wish to thank you for the honour and opportunity to testify before the Alaska Legislature's House Joint Resolution 11 committee meeting Recognizing Alaska/Canada Relationship.

May I say that all members of the Dawson City town council (myself as mayor, Cud Eastbound, Tobias Graf, Justine Hobbs, and Darwyn Lyn as councillors) agree with this well crafted and well intended House Joint Resolution 11. Nowadays, in this world we live in, anything "well intended" is most welcome. We, most certainly, value our relationship with you, our very good close neighbour.

I wish now to tell of some of the things that make our relationship dear to us:

1. In years gone by, at this time of year we, in Dawson, found ourselves inundated with hundreds of snowmobiles over 3 weekends in an event called Trek-over-the-Top. Most of these folks came from all over Alaska to enjoy the hospitality that we wanted to show them in Dawson. They were great weekends and folks had fun on the trails, enjoying the night life in Dawson particularly at Diamond Tooth Gerties which is the oldest casino in Canada. This event was run by volunteers in Dawson and Tok. As we all know, volunteers are great people, but too often some take on more and more work and eventually things tend to die out. So for a number of years now we have lost that event and we miss the closeness that it brought.

2. Border at Little Gold Creek (the northernmost international border in North America). We lobby our federal government to work with the US government to open the border as soon as possible and keep the border open as long as possible before freeze-up so that tourists can enjoy both sides and what each has to offer.

Note: I was only able to speak to here before the chair cut me off due to timing issues.

3. Percy-de-Wolfe Mail Race. Percy was a fellow from Nova Scotia Canada who landed in Dawson City in 1898 and eventually got a contract to deliver mail to Eagle Alaska. That started in 1910 and lasted until 1949. We hold the race yearly (this is the 49th year – started in 1977) in memory of Percy. Mail is given to the first musher to leave Dawson and would normally go to Eagle, but due to COVID and general ice conditions (dare I say climate change?) the race went to Forty Mile, Yukon this year. The first musher out this year carrying the mail was Jody Potts-Joseph from, where else? – Eagle, Alaska.

4. Eagle is very close to the hearts of Dawson. In I think it was 2009, Eagle suffered a horrible flood when the Yukon River broke. When we in Dawson heard about this, residents rallied in support of the good folks in Eagle with food, clothing, pillows, blankets and anything else we could think of to help our stricken neighbours. I am absolutely certain they would do the same for us if the need arose. I, myself, made 2 trips to Eagle to help out with the efforts.

5. Tourism – so important for our businesses. I reckon we as northerners live in "God's Country" and people want to see what we have to offer. When I was a member of the RCMP, members had a

competition amongst themselves to see who could make the longest list of American licence plates – this was all in good fun. The lists were extensive and that reflects how the folks in the lower 48 view coming to see their cousins (so-to-speak) in the north. Clearly, we in Dawson, are also the recipients of those very good travel plans.

6. Tariffs (ugh) – I reckon these are simply an un-necessary additional tax on folks. We all live, basically, at the end-of-the-road where prices are high simply because of the distance trucks have to bring goods. There has been some talk of a toll on American trucks going to Alaska. DO I want to see that? NO – I think that just breeds “hate and discontent” as my trucker friend used to say. It would only raise costs for Alaskans and perhaps ourselves in Dawson as well. I have always disliked being called a politician. I would rather be remembered as an elected official that made good policy for people. Do tariffs make good policy?

7. Finally, I hope I have given you some sort of idea of how we in Dawson view our relationship with you folks in Alaska. I therefore wish to re-iterate Dawson City council’s agreement with this well crafted and well intended House Joint Resolution 11.

Thank you, Madam Chair and committee members, for this chance to speak before you.

HJR 11 testimony by Mary Ann Pease

Good afternoon, my name is Mary Ann Pease and I am Alaska's Honorary Consul for Canada.

Thank you to the **Resources Committee** for the opportunity to present testimony in support of **House Joint Resolution 11**, which recognizes and honors the longstanding, vital relationship between Canada and Alaska. I am honored to speak on an issue that is deeply rooted in the history, economy, and culture of our region.

Alaska and Canada share not only a border stretching over 1,500 miles but also a rich tapestry of interconnected communities, economies, and ecosystems. Our shared geography has fostered cooperation that transcends national boundaries, benefiting the people, native culture, industries, and environment of both regions.

Economically, the partnership between Alaska and Canada is indispensable. Trade across our border fuels jobs, supports local businesses, and strengthens critical industries, including natural resources, mining, transportation, and tourism.

A few facts about trade between our two countries:

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From the flow of goods through vital corridors like the Alaska Highway to collaborative energy infrastructure projects, the economic interdependence of our regions is undeniable.

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enforcement agencies in our two countries share information on and coordinate resources to combat criminal enterprises, illegal migration, and drug trafficking.

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will boost our shipbuilding industries and strengthen protection in the region.

Culturally and historically, our ties run deep. Indigenous peoples whose ancestral lands span both sides of the border have maintained cultural, familial, and economic connections for centuries. This shared heritage enriches our communities and serves as a reminder that the relationship between Alaska and Canada is not just diplomatic—it's personal. Cross-border cultural exchanges, sporting events, and academic partnerships further knit our communities together.

Environmentally, Alaska and Canada jointly steward some of the most pristine and critical ecosystems on the planet. Collaborative management of transboundary watersheds, fisheries, and wildlife populations ensures that future generations inherit the natural treasures we hold dear. With climate change presenting challenges to the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions, our cooperation in scientific research, emergency response, and sustainable development is more crucial than ever.

House Joint Resolution 11 rightly recognizes that the relationship between Alaska and Canada is founded on

mutual respect, shared values, and a vision for a prosperous future. By honoring this partnership, we reinforce our commitment to dialogue, cooperation, and the pursuit of business opportunities and solutions that benefit both our peoples.

In closing, I strongly support the passage of HJR 11. This resolution is more than symbolic—it reaffirms our dedication to a partnership that has endured for generations and will continue to be essential in facing the challenges and opportunities of the future. I encourage the Legislature to endorse this resolution wholeheartedly, recognizing the immense value that the Canada-Alaska relationship brings to us all.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.



Alaska House Resources Committee – House Joint Resolution 11

- Good afternoon.
- My name is Kirk Cameron, and I am the Mayor of Whitehorse, Yukon, the capital city in your neighbouring territory in Canada.
- I want to thank the Alaska House Resources Committee for inviting me to testify today as part of the first hearing on **House Joint Resolution 11 – Recognizing and Honouring the Relationship Between Canada and Alaska.**
- I value the opportunity to speak with the elected members of this House about the importance of our country's relationship with Alaska at such a critical moment in time, and to offer the perspective of the citizens of Whitehorse.
- As the resolution notes, the relationship between Canada and the United States is unparalleled, marked by a history of cooperation, mutual respect, and shared values.
- Our towns and cities in the Yukon and Alaska are living examples of this successful partnership.
- We are not just business associates and colleagues; we are friends and family, bound by a common purpose and shared aspirations.
- The deep and longstanding social and economic ties between the Yukon and Alaska are something I'm particularly proud of.
- Indeed, Whitehorse and Juneau have been Sister Cities for more than 30 years, and we have close, active relationships with our neighbours in Skagway and Haines.



- As you know, Whitehorse is less than two hours from the American border and a key hub on the Alaska highway, the mainland route connecting Alaska to the lower 48 states.
- Citizens of Whitehorse have enjoyed close social, cultural, educational, and economic connections with our Alaskan neighbours for over a hundred years, and there are many dual Canadian-American citizens living in our community.
- In addition to a variety of business relationships that cross the border, there are many social events that draw people back and forth – from sporting and cultural events to music festivals, beer festivals, State Fairs, you name it.
- We value these close ties and appreciate how they have enriched the lives of our residents and contributed to their health and wellbeing.
- In many ways, the international border separating our communities has been more of a formality – a minor annoyance that we put up with, but which is quickly forgotten when we get together and enjoy each other's company the way close friends do.
- However, we cannot deny that our shared reality is rapidly changing, and unfortunately, not for the better.
- By initiating a trade war with its closest trading partner, the United States has taken unprecedented action that threatens the Canadian economy and therefore all our citizens.



- Despite a long and unique history of friendship, family ties, collaboration, mutual support, and shared prosperity, due to an increasingly hostile American President, we now face a growing rift between our leaders, our economies, and our people that puts our relationship, our security and our shared quality of life at risk.
- Without provocation, President Trump has shown increasing disrespect for Canada, diminished the relationship that has existed for so many decades, and needlessly disrupted our prosperous economic connections.
- His actions continue to create uncertainty and increase the risk of serious and far-reaching harm to our country.
- Whitehorse City Council is deeply concerned about the impacts on our local businesses and workers due to President Trump's trade war.
- As a municipality, our options are limited when it comes to addressing international trade disputes.
- However, despite these limitations, the City of Whitehorse is reviewing our procurement and looking closely at what companies we work with to ensure we are supporting local, Canadian businesses as much as possible.
- In addition, we are urging all citizens to buy local, purchase Canadian goods and support Canadian businesses.
- I have been in close contact with the Yukon's Premier, Ranj Pillai, and our federal representative, Member of Parliament Brendan Hanley, to express support, from the City of Whitehorse, for their efforts.



- Leaders across Canada need to stand united against this unnecessary trade war.
- This is not a trade war that the citizens of Whitehorse, or Yukoners, asked for, and it is not a trade war that we want.
- We fully support the Canadian response to date and the plan to continue to respond in the event the trade war escalates further.
- We also support efforts to remove internal trade barriers within Canada to strengthen our national economy and make it more resilient in the face of economic turmoil.
- Additionally, we support diversifying our trading base so we are less exposed to the actions of one man.
- Having said this, we value our close relationship with our friends in Alaska and we want to maintain it.
- We have benefitted from being good neighbours, and we believe it is important to continue to be good neighbours.
- A growing number of letters of friendship and support from Alaskan residents in recent weeks suggests we are not alone.
- My fellow Councillors and I remain hopeful that leaders across North America can find a resolution to this situation.
- You may have heard that many Canadian municipalities have formed the Border Mayors Alliance.
- As Mayor of Whitehorse, I have joined the Alliance to advocate alongside Canadian municipal leaders and ensure the perspectives of municipalities are reflected in response to this situation.



- I have also extended invitations to the Mayors of Skagway, Haines and Juneau to join Canadian municipalities on this journey.
- This is a very serious situation, and it is vital that we work together both within and across borders.
- We need to safeguard the livelihoods and well-being of our citizens, recognizing that the repercussions of trade disputes extend far beyond economic metrics—they affect the very fabric of our communities.
- We stand together to advocate for a collaborative approach that transcends political boundaries and prioritizes the collective interests of our people.
- We call upon all levels of government, including the Alaska House of Representatives, to join us in this endeavor.
- It is imperative that we work together to ensure that our partnership remains not only intact but is fortified to become safer, stronger, and more profitable than ever before.
- Our shared border should be a symbol of unity and opportunity, as it is here in the North, not a symbol of division.
- By fostering open dialogue, encouraging innovation, and supporting job creation and trade, we can ensure a future where both nations continue to thrive.
- Let us seize this moment to reaffirm our commitment to a partnership that has stood the test of time and continues to be a model for international relations.



- Together, we can overcome the challenges we face and build a legacy of prosperity and peace for generations to come.
- Thank you.

From: [Sarah Frampton](#)
To: [Rep. Chuck Kopp](#)
Subject: Thank you for Introducing HJR 11 - Recognizing the Alaska/Canada Relationship
Date: Friday, March 14, 2025 2:07:13 PM

Dear Representative Chuck Kopp,

I want to extend my sincere gratitude for your leadership in introducing HJR 11 and for your advocacy in recognizing the vital relationship between Alaska and Canada. Your efforts in highlighting this important connection reinforce the deep ties we share with our Canadian neighbors—ties that extend through culture, commerce, and, notably, sport.

As the Executive Director of Team Alaska for the Arctic Winter Games, I have seen firsthand how these international relationships shape the lives of our youth. The Arctic Winter Games provide a unique opportunity for young athletes to compete, build friendships, and gain a deeper appreciation for our northern identity alongside their Canadian peers. The Games are a celebration of collaboration, sportsmanship, and shared traditions, strengthening the bonds that make our northern communities resilient and united.

As a resident of Fairbanks, where I live with my family, I see every day the benefits of our close relationship with Canada. Whether through cultural exchanges, trade, or sport, this connection is essential to the prosperity and well-being of our communities. Your commitment to recognizing and preserving this partnership is truly commendable, and I deeply appreciate your work in ensuring that future generations continue to benefit from these meaningful international relationships.

Thank you again for your dedication and for championing the bond between Alaska and Canada. I look forward to seeing this resolution move forward and to continuing the work of fostering strong, lasting relationships with our northern neighbors.

With appreciation,

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Sarah Frampton

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From: [Doug Owram](#)
To: [Rep. Chuck Kopp](#)
Subject: Thanks
Date: Saturday, March 15, 2025 5:50:41 PM

As a Canadian I want to thank you for your resolution before the state legislature. I especially appreciate the statement that Canada is a sovereign nation. On the one hand it is obvious but given the President's obsession it is important to have the obvious restated.

Doug Owram
Kelowna BC

From: [Linda Weld](#)
To: [Rep. Chuck Kopp](#)
Subject: Alaska-Canada Relations
Date: Monday, March 17, 2025 8:37:35 AM

Hi there, Chuck —

I live in Gakona, at the end of the Tok Cutoff, and run two travel publications — the Bearfoot Roadside Travel Guide and the Denali Summer Times.

I have lived here with my family since 1974. We have operated our guides since 1986. In any one year, I have personal contact — many times — with over 200 small rural Alaska businesses, scattered over 60 communities.

Sometimes I am in correspondence with five or six people who run small businesses every day. These are not “ATIA” tourism businesses — or “Anchorage Convention & Visitor Center” businesses — the ones who consider themselves the important, heavy hitters.

Our people are small businesses, most frequently located in the town or settlement where they raised their families, who adapted their skills and interests to make a living. I’d say over 80% of the businesses I work with are primarily operated by husbands and wives, their kids, their extended families, close friends and grandparents.

It’s exactly how our visitor guide business grew, too. Us. Our kids. My dad...

Some small businesses grow from hobbies. People who like to fish become fishing guides. People who have a large enough house start a B&B. People who like to cook start a restaurant or food truck...

In our case, my husband was a state park ranger. I had edited a small-town paper in Michigan. And when our kids turned 6 and 8 we began our own newspaper, printing it on a Multigraphics press in our house. We ran the print paper for 13 years.

We also began a series of visitor guides, to provide genuine outreach for our lonely roads — outreach for those who were small, and not tied to nonprofits, visitor centers and convention and visitor bureaus — or didn’t have the funds to pay “professionals” to make and place their advertising.

Canadians are the major group (after Americans) who typically visit Alaska. And Canadians, quite justifiably, are angry. They are, literally, afraid of a military invasion and takeover. So am I.

Since when were we like this? Oh. I know — since Teddy Roosevelt.

The rapidly changing situation with Canada and the border is intensely disruptive, mean, stupid, and unnecessary.

It will hurt a lot of things we have worked for decades to develop, including tourism.

Many people don't understand that tourism is a desire to *meet* people; to look at life in another place and try to understand it in the context of your own life; to try new things and think about your own life choices and where they'd led you — and often, to use the experience of independently traveling around as a tourist to take stock of who you are, what you've done, and where you're headed.

Nobody wants to do any of that if the people they're visiting hate you.

It was very distressing to hear Dan Sullivan rush out and announce he intended to kill British Columbia's tourism! Not just distressing to the Canadians, but to us. This is not how it works. Saying you'll kill another guy's tourism economy is like threatening to strangle your neighbor's puppy next time you see it, and then to expect the relationship to continue along amicably for the rest of your life.

So, I was pleased and surprised to see that meeting you guys had last week. It was refreshingly civil, given the times.

I didn't know about your meeting. A link to the video was sent to me by a journalist I know in the Yukon, who was monitoring Americans and looking for any kinds of positive trends.

Good luck. We'll really need it.

Regards,
Linda Weld
Gakona,
Alaska

From: [leslie oulton](#)
To: [Rep. Chuck Kopp](#)
Subject: Yukon and Alaska
Date: Friday, March 14, 2025 9:42:49 PM

Good evening Mr Kopp

I am just reading the news tonight and would like to thank you for the joint resolution you have put forward. I am not too knowledgeable on American politics, I would like to pass on people in the Yukon also value and trust our Alaskan neighbours. I myself have good friends in Skagway who come to the Yukon quite frequently and my family enjoys visiting with them and hope that this can continue. I would like to say I was lucky enough to play hockey in the 1996 arctic winter games in Chugiak Eagle River and also travelled to Anchorage to play Bantam AAA hockey. These were some of my fondest memories as a teenager and I am hoping my kids will get to experience this also. I have had multiple trips to Anchorage and Seward I absolutely love it. I guess all I am saying is I sure hope the Yukon, Alaska and also the United States and Canada relationships can continue in a positive way!

Thank you for your time

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Sent from my iPhone

From: tom@sindlinger.ca
To: [Governor Mike Dunleavy](#)
Cc: [Sen. Cathy Giessel](#); [Rep. Chuck Kopp](#)
Subject: CANADA and the Alaska Permanent Fund
Date: Monday, March 17, 2025 10:19:29 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello Governor Dunleavy ... When the *Alaska Permanent Fund* was being established, I was asked to provide expert advice. At Alaska's request, I travelled to Juneau.

At the time, I was a *Select Committee Member* of the ALBERTA HERITAGE SAVINGS TRUST FUND.

When America invaded PANAMA in 1989 and kidnapped its president, I was there providing economic development advice to the *Panama Canal Commission*. Now, the American President says the UNITED STATES WILL "take back" the *Canal*. America never "had" the *Canal*. American engineers built the Canal Zone with Panama's permission.

PANAMA and its *Canal* are sovereign. And so is CANADA!

Thank you for your resolution supporting our sovereignty. Let's hope that the values symbolized by the *Statue of Liberty*—freedom, democracy, and hope—remain steadfast in the face of whatever lies ahead. Is there anything I can do to help that happen, or to support your resolution?

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From: [Landa Baily](#)
To: [Rep. Chuck Kopp](#)
Subject: Thank you for HJR 11 - US Canada Relations
Date: Monday, March 24, 2025 1:19:17 PM

Dear Representative Kopp:

My husband, Doug Baily, and I send you our thanks for introducing HJR 11, pertaining to relations between Canada and Alaska.

And many congratulations to you on its passage today.

Landa's grandparents immigrated from Calgary, Canada after WWII, when the Territory of Alaska encouraged Canadians to relocate to Alaska and establish businesses. My grandparents left behind four of eight children (who were all adults and married) and brought the youngest four to Juneau. They started a fabric and sewing machine store with a US sub post office in one section. My grandparents' business location is now where Heritage Coffee does a thriving and robust business. Her grandparents and parents have long since departed but their many, many descendants, our family, live in Canada.

We'll be sending Louise, the Canadian cousin 'in charge' a copy of HJR 11. We are hopeful it will assuage my family's many deeply hurt feelings and utter shock of it all.

In addition to personal family concerns, we also share your concerns about firefighting and other mutual aid responses for natural disasters, the Alaska Salmon Treaty, transport of goods and services, the Indigenous cross border traditions, and just plain old loyalty, common sense and kindness.

We wish there were more elected leaders like you, and we thank you.

Landa and Doug Baily
Homer, Alaska 99603

From: [Doug Hill](#)
To: [Rep. Chuck Kopp](#)
Subject: House Joint Resolution 11 - Thank you!
Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 7:23:57 PM

Representative Kopp,

Thank you and all the representatives that voted in support of House Joint Resolution 11 affirming Canada's sovereignty and opposing tariffs on Canada.

This is one of the few bright spots in this debacle with our good neighbors. The situation of treating our friends very poorly has been disturbing - treating our neighbors and friends worse than our adversaries.

I have a lifelong relationship with Canada and very good friends in Canada.

Doug Hill
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From: [Linda Weld](#)
To: [Rep. Chuck Kopp](#)
Subject: Thank you
Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 9:07:14 AM

Thank you.

If for nothing else, allowing legislators to show some sense of responsibility and respect for Alaska, Alaskans, Canadians – and the idea that there is, somehow, a sense of decency left. Somewhere.

This thing with Canadian respect is just a scrap – everything else considered – as the world crumbles around us. But it's something.

The country is in trauma.

Linda Weld
Gakona

From: [Glenn Cravez](#)
To: [Rep. Chuck Kopp](#)
Subject: Thank you
Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 2:47:22 PM

Dear Representative Kopp,

Thank you for your leadership regarding the House Resolution on issues related to Alaska's relationship with our friends and neighbors in Canada. Much appreciated. Glenn Cravez.

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