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March 4, 2019

The Honorable Mia Costello
Alaska State Senator
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 119
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Costello,

On behalf of the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER), I offer PNWER's strong **support for Alaska Senate Joint Resolution 8 calling on the U.S. Congress to ratify the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement on trade.**

We appreciate Alaska's leadership fighting for the issues that matter most to the people of the Pacific Northwest. Ratifying the USMCA is important to Alaska and the regional economy. Trade between Canada and Alaska totaled \$707,000,000 in 2017, and continued uncertainty and tariffs threaten to disrupt the trading relationship between the U.S. and Canada. We encourage the Alaska Legislature to vote for SRJ8 calling for ratification of USMCA. The economic well-being and quality of life for the region will benefit the sooner Congress acts and the U.S., Canada, and Mexico remove the steel and aluminum tariffs and retaliatory tariffs.

Our leadership would like to see Alaska join other states in support of the USMCA ratification. A similar resolution has passed in Idaho and other states have resolutions in process. The free, fair, open, and mutually beneficial trade between our two countries will continue to strengthen the economies of both countries.

Sincerely,

Matt Morrison
Chief Executive Officer
PNWER

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