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In the complex landscape of global trade, the United States stands out as both a formidable economic force and a significant environmental steward. However, our nation faces challenges, particularly in the face of China's and Russia's dominance in critical sectors of the global supply chain. It has become imperative that these challenges be addressed head-on, and policies advocate not only to safeguard America's economic security but to uphold its commitment to environmental sustainability.

Alaska stands as a beacon of hope in the realm of clean production standards. With stringent environmental regulations and a commitment to sustainable economic growth, Alaska sets the bar for the rest of the nation. It is imperative to recognize and reward Alaska's leadership in this regard.

The disparity in environmental standards between the United States and countries like China and Russia is stark. Goods produced in these nations generate significantly higher carbon emissions compared to their American counterparts. The lack of enforcement of environmental and labor standards puts American workers and producers at a disadvantage.

It is time for accountability. The United States trade policies must hold countries accountable for their emissions-heavy production practices and ensure a level playing field for America's businesses and workers. We cannot allow foreign competitors to undermine our high environmental standards while reaping the benefits of the global market.

By promoting American economic development and rebuilding our supply chains, we not only bolster our nation's resilience but also create opportunities for growth and innovation. Rewarding America's businesses and workers for their superior environmental performance will drive sustainable economic prosperity for generations to come.

Senate Joint Resolution 19 represents a crucial step towards strengthening America trade policy and safeguarding our nation's economic and environmental interests. By expressing our support for federal trade policies that hold countries accountable and reward states like Alaska for its leadership in clean production standards, we affirm our commitment to a prosperous and

sustainable future for our country. Let's continue to champion policies that prioritize America's workers, businesses, and the planet we call home.