



## Washington State Legislature

The President  
Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

The Honorable U.S. Representative Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sen. Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President, Honorable Speaker Pelosi, Honorable Majority Leader McConnell:

Thank you for your leadership in the negotiations and consideration of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), which will serve as an update for the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

We, the undersigned, elected legislators of the Washington State Legislature, representing a statewide population of more than 7.41 million people, respectfully ask for the expeditious ratification of the USMCA by Congress to ensure continued free, fair, open and mutually beneficial trade with our northern and southern border neighbors.

Washington state, in particular, has an enormous vested interest in the successful ratification of this important and historic agreement. Our geographic location on the West Coast, with the unique deep-water inlet of Puget Sound, has given our state the advantage of creating and utilizing the busiest shipping ports in the United States. With \$86 billion in yearly exports, we are, in fact, the most trade dependent state in the nation, responsible for one in every four jobs in Washington.

Washington is the top apple producer in the nation, accounting for more than \$7 billion in direct, indirect and induced economic activity annually. We ship more apples to Mexico (12.3 million boxes) and Canada (6.3 million boxes) than any other country.


Washington is one of the top four leading wheat-producing states in the nation, and one of the largest export destinations for our wheat is Mexico.

Second to China, Canada is our largest trade partner, accounting for nearly 11 percent of our global trade destinations totaling more than \$5.5 billion of our exports annually. Mexico is not far behind, contributing to \$1.6 billion for products that range from agriculture (wheat, wine, fruit, and dairy) to aerospace, software and electronics products, and other goods manufactured in Washington state.

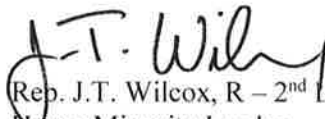
Continued, uninterrupted trade with Canada and Mexico is vital to Washington state's economy and to the jobs that support thousands of our citizens and their families. That is why we believe the USMCA is one of the most important agreements for the economic viability of Washington state. We also believe it would create the long-term certainty needed to ensure future sustainability of our export markets to Canada and Mexico. Our state has much to lose with any hesitation of ratification because we are indeed, so dependent upon foreign trade.

Therefore, we formally request the United States Congress immediately ratify the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).

Respectfully,



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Senate Minority Leader  
WA State Senate



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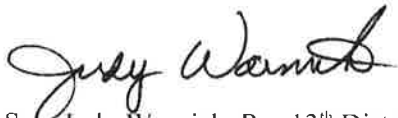
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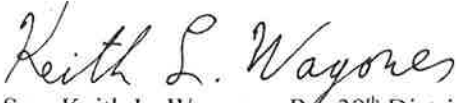
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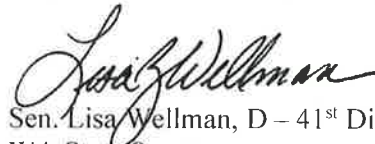
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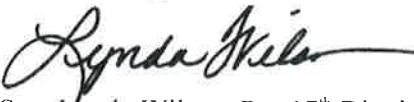
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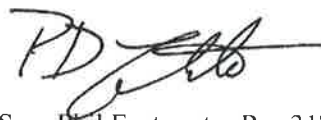
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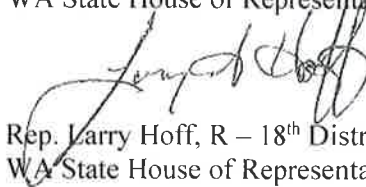
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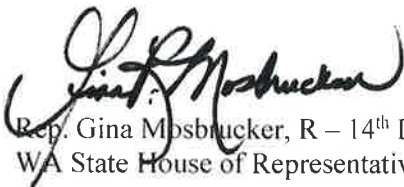
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