

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE
3 AGREEMENT TO NEW MEXICO'S ECONOMY, TO OTHER STATES ON THE
4 BORDER WITH MEXICO AND TO THE GENERAL AMERICAN ECONOMY;
5 REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT COMMIT TO
6 PROTECTING THE CURRENT AND ONGOING INVESTMENT THAT IS
7 PREDICATED ON THE AGREEMENT AS IT NEGOTIATES WITH MEXICO AND
8 CANADA TO MODERNIZE THE AGREEMENT.

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10 WHEREAS, for over two decades, the North American Free
11 Trade Agreement, commonly referred to as NAFTA, has
12 strengthened the economic, cultural and strategic bonds
13 between the United States of America, Mexico and Canada; and

14 WHEREAS, in a review of the North American Free Trade
15 Agreement, the international trade administration of the
16 United States department of commerce reported that American
17 exports to Canada and Mexico had grown by nearly four hundred
18 thirty billion dollars (\$430,000,000,000) during the
19 agreement's first twenty years; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2015, *Fortune* magazine reported that total
21 trade among the three countries was nearly one trillion
22 dollars (\$1,000,000,000,000); and

23 WHEREAS, in January 2018, global affairs Canada reported
24 that annual New Mexico exports of goods and services to
25 Canada total three hundred thirty-nine million dollars

1 (\$339,000,000) and that Canadian travelers spend twenty-nine
2 million dollars (\$29,000,000) in New Mexico annually; and

3 WHEREAS, in 2016, the border industrial association
4 reported that since 2007, all four of the border states have
5 experienced strong growth in their international exports to
6 Mexico; and

7 WHEREAS, respectively, California has experienced forty-
8 six percent growth, Texas has experienced sixty-five percent
9 growth, Arizona has experienced seventy-five percent growth
10 and New Mexico has experienced three hundred fifty percent
11 growth; and

12 WHEREAS, forty-five percent of New Mexico's current
13 international export trade is with Mexico and, of the ten
14 thousand four hundred jobs in New Mexico that are directly
15 tied to the North American Free Trade Agreement, most are
16 tied to trade with Mexico; and

17 WHEREAS, vast international logistics routes have been
18 developed to take advantage of the consumer and labor markets
19 created by the North American Free Trade Agreement; and

20 WHEREAS, Union Pacific, with the help of millions of
21 dollars of tax expenditure incentives from the state of New
22 Mexico, has built a large transmodal shipping center in the
23 Sunland Park/Santa Teresa area in New Mexico to serve the
24 national and international trade that is leveraged through
25 the North American Free Trade Agreement; and

1 WHEREAS, the Union Pacific transmodal shipping center is
2 the linchpin for the Sunset limited shipping route serving
3 communities through its eastern branches from New Orleans,
4 Louisiana, and Houston, Texas, to Long Beach, California, at
5 its western terminus; and

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6 WHEREAS, significant public and private business
7 investment is ongoing in a number of locations in New Mexico
8 to develop warehousing, manufacturing and distribution
9 facilities to leverage the potential of the logistics routes
10 created by the North American Free Trade Agreement; and

11 WHEREAS, the existing and growing business sector tied
12 to the North American Free Trade Agreement is a critical
13 element in the diversification of New Mexico's job market;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
15 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United
16 States government be requested to commit to continuing
17 negotiations until a modernized North American Free Trade
18 Agreement is completed that does not undercut existing
19 investment or disrupt the ongoing investment in
20 infrastructure and promotes the full potential for economic
21 growth of the partners to the agreement; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 sent to the president of the United States, the president of
24 Mexico, the prime minister of Canada, the United States
25 secretary of state, the United States trade representative,

