PACIFIC NORTHWEST ECONOMIC REGION

Statement by the the Executive Committee of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region
Reaffirming the Importance of USMCA/CUSMA to the Northwest

The Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) reaffirms its support of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA/CUSMA) as the critical foundation for North American trade. While the first Joint Review did not result in immediate extension, PNWER is encouraged by the continuation of the agreement amid ongoing negotiations and maintains confidence in the agreement's future.

In the binational Pacific Northwest, USMCA/CUSMA underpins a robust trading economy between U.S. states and Canadian provinces and territories. By providing a stable and predictable framework for businesses, the agreement supports billions of dollars in trade and drives workforce development, while providing the foundation for long-term investment that yields mutual benefit for industries and communities on both sides of the border.

Over the past 150 years, the U.S. and Canada have built an exemplary trading relationship, underpinned by integrated supply chains, shared infrastructure and longstanding partnerships. A strengthened USMCA/CUSMA will fortify this relationship and shape the next chapter of the North American trade economy.

Our region is made stronger with cross-border partnerships, and a strengthened USMCA/CUSMA remains essential to advance a resilient economic future.

As trade discussions continue between the three countries, PNWER will remain engaged with industry and government leaders at all levels to ensure the agreement remains in place and continues to reflect the priorities of the Pacific Northwest.

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