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PNWER Applauds Agreement Reached to Lift Steel and Aluminum Tariffs and Associated Retaliatory Tariffs

We applaud the announcement today regarding the agreement reached to lift steel and aluminum tariffs on Canada and Mexico and associated retaliatory tariffs. PNWER has focused on this issue as a top priority for the region for the past year. This important step helps clear a major hurdle in all three countries in finalizing the US-Canada-Mexico Agreement (USMCA).

"I applaud the announcement today. When markets are open and goods are transported freely across borders, the result is economic growth, new businesses and more and better job opportunities for individuals.", said PNWER President Larry Doke, MLA Saskatchewan.

Oregon Senator Arnie Roblan, Past President of PNWER said, "Here in the Pacific Northwest, we are stronger by working closely together, and our relationships are intact because of the ongoing partnerships in every major sector of our economy, and in state, provincial, territorial, local, and tribal governments, this announcement helps us to maintain these important relationships.

"This is great news, said Matt Morrison, PNWER's Executive Director, " PNWER has worked for the past 12 months to encourage the Administration to remove the Section 232 Tariffs, and Canada and Mexico to agree to the removal of their retaliatory tariffs, all of which have significantly impacted our farmers, ranchers, and manufacturers in both countries in our Pacific Northwest region."

The US and Canada's trading relationship is incredibly important to the Pacific Northwest. The US and Canada have the largest trading relationship in the world, and here in the Pacific Northwest, we benefit from the two-way trade of over USD \$541 billion (CAD \$630 billion) annually, of which about USD \$22.6 billion (CAD \$29 billion) is in the Pacific Northwest.

ABOUT PNWER

The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) is a public/private organization created by statute in 1991. Member jurisdictions include the US states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Washington, and the Canadian provinces and territories of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, the Northwest Territories and Yukon. PNWER's mission is to increase the economic well-being and quality of life for all citizens of the region; identify and promote "models of success"; and serve as a conduit to exchange information.

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