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Senator Obhof

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Johnson, Peterson, Roegner**

A R E S O L U T I O N

To urge the United States Congress to ratify the 1
United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement. 2

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, The agreement between the United States of 3
America, the United Mexican States, and Canada is a signed but 4
not yet ratified free trade agreement (United States-Mexico- 5
Canada Agreement; USMCA) between the three countries meant to 6
supersede the North American Free Trade Agreement; and 7

WHEREAS, USMCA would improve the rules of origin for 8
automobiles, trucks, and other products, thereby creating a more 9
level playing field for American workers and encouraging more 10
goods and materials to be manufactured in the U.S. and 11
throughout North America; and 12

WHEREAS, USMCA would benefit American farmers, ranchers, 13
and agribusinesses by modernizing and strengthening food and 14
agriculture trade between the three countries; and 15

WHEREAS, USMCA would create new protections for U.S. 16
intellectual property (IP) and ensure opportunities for trade in 17
U.S. services. The modernized, high-standard IP provisions 18
provide strong and effective protection and enforcement of IP 19

rights critical to encouraging innovation, creating economic 20
growth, and supporting American jobs; and 21

WHEREAS, USMCA addresses digital trade, anticorruption, and 22
good regulatory practices, and would ensure that small and 23
medium sized enterprises benefit from the agreement; and 24

WHEREAS, USMCA's new commitments for market access address 25
non-tariff barriers to trade in remanufactured goods, import 26
licensing, and export licensing; and 27

WHEREAS, USMCA's new customs and trade rules would make it 28
easier for small businesses to access foreign markets and 29
participate in cross-border trade; and 30

WHEREAS, In 2017, Ohio exported \$25.3 billion in goods to 31
Canada and Mexico, and a ratified USMCA would ensure continued 32
growth in such exports; and 33

WHEREAS, The United States International Trade Commission 34
estimates that implementing USMCA would raise the U.S. real GDP 35
by \$68.2 billion and increase U.S. employment by 176,000 jobs, 36
including 76,000 jobs in the U.S. automotive industry; now 37
therefore be it 38

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 133rd General Assembly of 39
the State of Ohio hereby urges Congress to ratify the United 40
States-Mexico-Canada Agreement; and be it further 41

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 42
authenticated copies of this resolution to the members of the 43
Ohio Congressional delegation, the Speaker and Clerk of the 44
United States House of Representatives, the President Pro 45
Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, and to the 46
news media of Ohio. 47