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Commissioner Anderson Commends President Trump's Signing of the USMCA Trade Agreement

Thursday, January 30, 2020 (Juneau) – President Trump participated in a historic signing ceremony for the United States-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement (USMCA) yesterday; in addition to signing the Phase One Trade Agreement with China earlier this month. January 2020 has been a historic month for expanding trade and creating a fair playing field for the United States.

The USMCA Trade Agreement, which has now been approved by both chambers of Congress with bipartisan support, rebalances trade between our three countries and will support mutually beneficial trade leading to freer markets, fairer trade, and strong economic growth in North America.

“All Alaskans should celebrate the signing of the USMCA by President Trump. This is a big deal for our fisheries and all Alaska job creators,” **said Governor Mike Dunleavy**. “We exported \$680 million worth of goods to Canada and Mexico in 2018, and with this new amendment, we expect that value to increase significantly in the coming years.”

The trade agreements are a huge win for our entrepreneurs and small business owners in Alaska, due to the new customs and trade rules that will make it easier for small businesses to engage with foreign markets and participate in cross-border trade.

“We’re very appreciative of the President’s continued efforts to grow the United States’ economy and to improve or create trade agreements with other countries,” **said Julie Anderson, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development Commissioner**. “As a neighbor to Canada and as the closest state to Asia by air or water, we are very excited about what these new trade agreements could mean for Alaska’s economy.”

Governor Dunleavy’s priorities include growing Alaska’s economy and promoting the “Alaska is Open for Business” initiative. Trade agreements such as these greatly assist in achieving these goals. Alaskan business owners produce high quality goods that deserve to be shared with the world. We are optimistic that the [Made in Alaska emblem](#) could be an internationally-recognized endorsement in the near future, thanks to the work of President Trump and Governor Dunleavy.

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