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WCIT Statement on Resolution of Tariff Dispute with Canada and Mexico

Lori Otto Punke, president of The Washington Council on International Trade, issued the following statement regarding the recent agreement between the U.S., Mexico, and Canada on steel and aluminum tariffs:

“The Washington Council on International Trade (WCIT) is pleased that the U.S. has lifted the national security-imposed tariffs on steel and aluminum coming from Canada and Mexico, and that our trading partners have lifted retaliatory tariffs placed on U.S. goods.

“WCIT remains concerned about the misuse of national security provisions, particularly on our closest partners, Canada and Mexico. For example, in the last six months of 2018, Washington state exports to Canada fell by \$114 million, or more than 35%, as a result of retaliatory tariffs imposed on U.S. goods by Canada.

“We are hopeful that the lifting of these tariffs will clear the way for the U.S. government to pass and implement the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement. WCIT believes the deal negotiated with Canada and Mexico is a good one for Washington state workers and businesses and deserves our policymakers’ strong support.”