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**WCIT Comments on U.S.-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement (USMCA)  
Developments**

SEATTLE - We are encouraged by the progress announced today on the USMCA and the prospects for Congressional passage of the agreement before the holidays. The USMCA or the “new NAFTA” is critical for Washington State’s interests and is a much-needed positive step in an otherwise uncertain trade environment.

Trade with Mexico and Canada currently accounts for 330,000 jobs across the State. WCIT has been an active supporter of USMCA’s passage given the implications for Washington State trade and the interests of WCIT members. WCIT includes a diverse membership, including small and medium-sized companies, corporations and agriculture producers. Last December, we enumerated the many “wins” in the USMCA for WCIT interests in a detailed report. We will look closely at the results secured and will work with our Congressional delegation as they consider the new agreement and the compromises reached between the White House and House Democrats announced today.

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