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BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and the Senate of the State of Idaho assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

WHEREAS, the United States and Canada enjoy a partnership long rooted in a history of peaceful coexistence and one of the largest and most successful economic relationships in the world; and

WHEREAS, the United States and Canada are each other's largest single export market; and

WHEREAS, millions of jobs in both the United States and Canada depend on the trade and investment flowing across the border between the two countries; and

WHEREAS, Canada is one of Idaho's top trading partners, based on 2010 data, and our companies and industries depend on integrated cross-border supply chains and production processes; and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2011, the Prime Minister of Canada and the President of the United States issued a declaration on a Shared Vision for Perimeter Security and Economic Competitiveness, which called for a joint action plan; and

WHEREAS, the United States and Canada established a Beyond the Border Working Group composed of representatives from the relevant departments and offices of their federal governments to develop the action plan and be responsible for its implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Beyond the Border Action Plan was released in December of 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Beyond the Border Action Plan details methods for the United States and Canada to work together to enhance joint security and accelerate the legitimate flow of people, goods and services through four areas of cooperation: (1) addressing threats early; (2) trade facilitation, economic growth and jobs; (3) cross-border law enforcement; and (4) critical infrastructure and cybersecurity; and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2011, the Prime Minister of Canada and the President of the United States announced the creation of the United States-Canada Regulatory Cooperation Council to increase regulatory transparency and coordination between the two countries; and

1 WHEREAS, the initial Joint Action Plan of the Regulatory Cooperation
2 Council was released in December of 2011; and

3 WHEREAS, the Action Plan on Regulatory Cooperation will help reduce
4 barriers to trade, lower costs for consumers and business and create eco-
5 nomic opportunities on both sides of the border through the alignment of
6 regulatory approaches in the areas of agriculture and food, transportation,
7 health and personal care products, chemical management, the environment and
8 other cross-sectoral areas, while not compromising our health, safety or
9 environmental protection standards; and

10 WHEREAS, Idaho has much to gain from the development of joint strategies
11 and integrated approaches to enhance security and efficient trade between
12 Canada and the United States.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular
14 Session of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives
15 and the Senate concurring therein, that the President, Executive Branch
16 Agencies and Congress work together to see that the Beyond the Border Action
17 Plan on Perimeter Security and Economic Competitiveness and the Action Plan
18 on Regulatory Cooperation are carried out and that the United States' ap-
19 pointees to the Beyond the Border Working Group, the Regulatory Cooperation
20 Council, and the United States' agencies responsible for implementing the
21 action plans have the resources necessary to assist in realizing the goals
22 of the action plans.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representa-
24 tives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this
25 Memorial to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United
26 States Department of State, the United States Attorney General, the Secre-
27 tary of the United States Department of Homeland Security, the Secretary of
28 the United States Department of Commerce, the Secretary of the United States
29 Department of Transportation, President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
30 House of Representatives of Congress, and the congressional delegation rep-
31 resenting the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.