

We are proud to support the recently negotiated United States Mexico Canada Agreement (USMCA). USMCA will improve Nevada exporting through improved market access and trade protection, intellectual property rights and the inclusion of enforceable labor standards for foreign workers.

When President Lincoln proclaimed Nevada statehood in 1864, the Nevada economy was heavily reliant on mining and agriculture. That tradition continues today as Nevada mining employs approximately 12,000 people with an average salary of \$80,000. The world's 3rd largest gold miner, Newmont Mining, contributes 5,000 good paying jobs to our economy and has been pouring gold in Nevada for over 50 years. In 2018, the agricultural industry exported \$362 million worth of goods, a 106 percent increase since 2013. Mining and agriculture are important to Nevada and USMCA will offer us better access to foreign markets and trade protections that require state owned enterprises (SOE) to operate on a commercial basis.

Another key feature of the USMCA is that it provides modernized intellectual property (IP) protections within the agreement. Nevada has been attracting and growing its base of high technology companies such as Tesla, Apple, Switch and Aptiv further diversifying our economy and increasing employment opportunities for all Nevadans. Trade secret protection, increased copyright terms and enforcement are extremely important to technology companies for continued survival. These notable IP provisions within the USMCA will protect our high technology employers and encourage future innovation.

The USMCA, Chapter 23, addresses labor standards which commences to "level the playing field" for US workers versus foreign workers. Nevada exports supported an estimated 39,000 workers in 2016, many unionized, but all subject to US labor standards unlike their foreign counterparts. In USMCA, Mexico has agreed to "specific legislative actions to provide for the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining." When the USMCA is implemented, Mexican wages and labor standards will naturally rise. As parity is improved between Mexican and US worker pay and benefits, exporting jobs south of the border will become much less appealing to manufacturers.

For these reasons, we feel all Nevadans should support USMCA.

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