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Requested by Senator ROBLAN

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 9**

1 On page 1 of the printed joint memorial, after line 17, insert:

2 “Whereas the Legislative Assembly affirms our commitment to labor
3 rights and decent work for workers in all nations; and”.

4 Delete lines 20 through 22.

5 On page 2, delete lines 4 through 8.

6 Delete lines 11 and 12.

7 Delete lines 18 through 22 and insert:

8 “Whereas despite creating new exports and business opportunities, the
9 original North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) failed to ade-
10 quately protect working people and the environment, and it created new le-
11 gal rights for foreign investors that acted as an incentive to outsource; and

12 “Whereas the original NAFTA needs to be rebalanced so that working
13 people in all three NAFTA countries can enjoy a fair share of the benefits
14 of expanded trade; and

15 “Whereas the new NAFTA includes some rules that are better than those
16 in the original NAFTA and some that are worse; and

17 “Whereas the new NAFTA’s labor rules must be significantly strength-
18 ened, and the agreement must ensure that those rules will be swiftly and
19 certainly enforced, because without effective enforcement, the agreement’s
20 substantive provisions are of little value; now, therefore,”.

21 Delete lines 24 through 26 and insert:

1 “That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, respectfully
2 urge the Congress of the United States not to vote on the new NAFTA until
3 it is improved to benefit working people, including by adding strong labor
4 rights and enforcement provisions that are not currently in the agreement,
5 by requiring that Mexico fully enact, effectively implement and robustly fund
6 reforms to its labor laws to end the race to the bottom for workers in all
7 three NAFTA countries, and by eliminating giveaways to brand name phar-
8 maceutical companies that will tie the hands of Congress in its efforts to
9 reduce prescription drug costs for hardworking families and state-funded
10 health programs; and be it further”.

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