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Statement on the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement

(Washington, D.C., December 3, 2018) — The following statement may be attributed to James Edwards, Executive Director, Conservatives for Property Rights:

“With the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement’s signing, the Trump administration has advanced property rights-based, reciprocal trade policies. This NAFTA replacement should play up America’s competitive strength — conceiving and commercializing new technologies that create brand-new industries and modernize existing industry sectors.

“The intellectual property section makes progress on IP rights, where Mexico and Canada have lagged. Biotech and pharmaceuticals represent major U.S. growth areas that depend on strong IP. USMCA enhances these sectors’ ability to pursue R&D, bring forth remarkable new discoveries, create good-paying jobs and bring down trade deficits. We do urge that future trade deals go further to advance accountability for online copyright infringement. But overall, USMCA advances property rights, and that’s good for America. Congress should implement USMCA swiftly and cleanly.”

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