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**57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE APPROPRIATE INTERIM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO  
STUDY THE BENEFITS OF A FORMAL ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE  
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND AND PROPOSE APPROPRIATE LEGISLATIVE  
INITIATIVES.

WHEREAS, in 2023, the United States exported to Ireland  
twenty-four billion one hundred million dollars  
(\$24,100,000,000) in goods, including:

A. seven billion three hundred sixty million  
dollars (\$7,360,000,000) in planes, helicopters and spacecraft;

B. three billion sixty million dollars  
(\$3,060,000,000) in vaccines, blood, antisera, toxins and  
cultures; and

C. one billion two hundred ten million dollars  
(\$1,210,000,000) in crude petroleum; and

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1           WHEREAS, over the past five years, exports of United  
2 States products to Ireland have increased at an annualized rate  
3 of almost four percent, from twenty billion dollars  
4 (\$20,000,000,000) in 2018 to twenty-four billion one hundred  
5 million dollars (\$24,100,000,000) in 2023; and

6           WHEREAS, in 2023, Ireland exported to the United States  
7 sixty-seven billion four hundred million dollars  
8 (\$67,400,000,000) in goods, including:

9                   A. eighteen billion three hundred million dollars  
10 (\$18,300,000,000) in vaccines, blood, antisera, toxins and  
11 cultures;

12                   B. twelve billion nine hundred million dollars  
13 (\$12,900,000,000) in packaged medicaments; and

14                   C. seven billion nine hundred sixty million dollars  
15 (\$7,960,000,000) in hormones; and

16           WHEREAS, over the past five years, exports of Irish  
17 products to the United States have increased at an annualized  
18 rate of almost six percent, from fifty-one billion dollars  
19 (\$51,000,000,000) in 2018 to sixty-seven billion four hundred  
20 million dollars (\$67,400,000,000) in 2023; and

21           WHEREAS, New Mexico and Ireland have a more-than-two-  
22 hundred-year history of deep cultural, religious and business  
23 ties; and

24           WHEREAS, many Irish immigrants came to our state during  
25 the European famines and New Mexico mining booms of the 1800s;

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1 and

2 WHEREAS, the former St. Elizabeth hospital and Christus  
3 St. Vincent regional medical center were both established by  
4 Irish nurses; and

5 WHEREAS, Glanbia nutritionals and Intel have made  
6 significant investments in New Mexico and Ireland, creating  
7 with other companies exports to Ireland of sixty-seven billion  
8 four hundred million dollars (\$67,400,000,000) and imports from  
9 Ireland of twenty billion dollars (\$20,000,000,000); and

10 WHEREAS, Glanbia nutritionals has a fifty percent stake in  
11 Southwest cheese, located in Clovis, and has invested at least  
12 one hundred forty million dollars (\$140,000,000) for plant  
13 expansion, employing four hundred people locally and producing  
14 ten percent of the cheddar cheese made in the United States;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, New Mexico's economy could benefit from increased  
17 bilateral trade and investment opportunities with Ireland,  
18 joint policy actions, business and academic exchanges and  
19 mutual investments in infrastructure; and

20 WHEREAS, economic ties with Ireland can provide access to  
21 the European Union for New Mexico companies, thereby fostering  
22 economic growth in New Mexico; and

23 WHEREAS, thirty-six states have passed or are considering  
24 legislation establishing an Irish trade commission;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF

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1 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico  
2 legislative council request the appropriate interim legislative  
3 committee addressing economic development issues to study the  
4 benefits of a formal economic relationship with the Republic of  
5 Ireland, including establishing a New Mexico-Ireland trade  
6 commission to advance bilateral trade and investment between  
7 Ireland and New Mexico, and make recommendations for  
8 legislative initiatives for the 2026 legislative session; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
10 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative  
11 council and the secretary of economic development.