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CHAMBER STATEMENT REGARDING TRUMP'S TRADE POLICIES

SAN DIEGO (June 30, 2016) – San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Jerry Sanders released the following statement today:

“The trade policies proposed by Donald Trump are unrealistic, counterintuitive, and would be damaging to our economy and jobs. As a port and border city, San Diego exports \$17.9 billion worth of goods which support more than 110,000 jobs in San Diego. These trade-related jobs are also higher paying at 13 and 18 percent more than non trade-related jobs.

Under NAFTA specifically, California has seen a 290 percent increase in its exports to Mexico supporting 692,240 jobs in the state. Since NAFTA's implementation, trade volume has more than tripled among its partners and enabled the North American economy to double in size.

With more than 95 percent of our consumers residing outside of the U.S., it is essential that the U.S. continue to open new markets for American goods and services, while creating and sustaining jobs for American workers. This is how we remain competitive and create jobs in a globalizing economy.”

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About The San Diego Regional Chamber

The San Diego Regional Chamber is the hub for connections and collaboration among the regional business community, and uses that clout to advocate for public policies and candidates that support economic growth and the creation of jobs for all businesses. As the largest local Chamber on the West Coast, representing more than 2,500 businesses and 300,000 jobs, the San Diego Regional Chamber is fighting to make San Diego the most business-friendly region in California. For more information, please visit SDChamber.org or call 619-544-1300.