A New Continental Alliance: A Vision for the Americas

Policy Brief for Consideration by the United States Congress

Written in the Spirit of President John F. Kennedy

Executive Summary

In this hour of decision, as our nation faces both economic uncertainty and global turbulence, we stand once again at the threshold of history. The destiny of the Americas — North and South — has never been more intertwined. The dream of freedom, security, and prosperity must extend beyond our borders if it is to endure within them. We propose a renewed partnership between the United States, Canada, and Mexico — a continental alliance designed to strengthen commerce, defend liberty, and extinguish the flames of corruption and violence that threaten our shared home. This is not the surrender of sovereignty, but the awakening of unity.

Background

The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) laid the groundwork for economic cooperation. Yet, as cartels exploit weak institutions, and foreign rivals test our resilience, our present agreements fall short of the task history has placed upon us. We have learned that liberty cannot flourish when our neighbors suffer poverty, violence, and fear. To protect America, we must lift the Americas — not through dominance, but through partnership.

The USMCA Plus Framework

We call upon Congress to authorize the expansion of USMCA into a Continental Partnership for Security and Commerce, establishing three pillars of cooperation:

- 1. The North American Development Fund to invest in infrastructure, education, and lawful enterprise in regions destabilized by cartel influence.
- 2. The Continental Task Force on Financial Crime and Cartel Disruption integrating intelligence, digital forensics, and asset seizure operations across borders.
- 3. A North American Energy & Digital Grid Initiative to secure our power, our data,

and our future against foreign interference and cyber threats.

Economic Impact

By harmonizing standards, supply chains, and innovation policies, this alliance can add an estimated \$2 trillion in continental GDP within a decade. Rural industries in Louisiana, Texas, and the Midwest will benefit from reduced tariffs, coordinated trade routes, and new markets for American products — from agriculture to clean energy technology.

Security Impact

The alliance will enable coordinated law enforcement, cross-border extradition, and synchronized data tracking to disrupt criminal networks at their roots — in financing, logistics, and recruitment. For every dollar spent on continental cooperation, studies predict five dollars in savings from reduced drug enforcement, incarceration, and lost economic productivity.

Implementation Timeline

Phase I (2026-2028) – Legislative approval and creation of the North American Development Fund.

Phase II (2028-2030) – Joint task force establishment and shared data infrastructure rollout.

Phase III (2030-2035) – Full integration of trade, security, and energy cooperation measures.

Closing Statement: A Call to Leadership

In 1961, President Kennedy declared that "a rising tide lifts all boats." That truth endures. The tide of prosperity will not rise if it stops at the Rio Grande, nor will our security stand if our neighbors fall. We are called not to withdraw behind borders of fear, but to reach across them with the hand of partnership and purpose. Let it be said that this generation of Americans extended the promise of freedom to an entire continent — not with the sword, but with the strength of unity. Let this Congress lead the way.

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