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1            TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND  
2 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE UNITED STATES FOREST  
5 SERVICE:

6            We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of  
7 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully  
8 represent and petition as follows:

9            WHEREAS, The State of Washington including the Olympic Peninsula  
10 area is in serious economic decline; and

11           WHEREAS, Timber jobs, which support the communities, families, and  
12 related businesses, are in decline due to altered policies caused by  
13 the program for the protection of the spotted owl and changes in the  
14 timber industry; and

15           WHEREAS, Timber which has been blown down in the Olympic National  
16 Forest and can be salvaged consists of twenty-three million board feet

1 which is substantially above the sixteen million board feet harvested  
2 in 1991; and

3 WHEREAS, A carefully supervised removal of downed trees can produce  
4 timber for local mills while at the same time leaving an undamaged old  
5 growth forest; and

6 WHEREAS, Some logs can be left to decay and contribute to rich,  
7 fresh soil; and

8 WHEREAS, Careful removal of the timber will reduce the potential  
9 for extensive bug infestation that could damage the forest; and

10 WHEREAS, Salvage sales could provide eight to nine jobs per million  
11 board feet of salvaged timber and the sales are supported by the  
12 Governor's Timber Policy Team as well as the legislature;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
14 President and Congress pass legislation authorizing the United States  
15 Forest Service to offer salvage sales of blown down timber in the  
16 Pacific Northwest National Forests allowing the state to reap the  
17 economic and environmental benefits.

18 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
19 transmitted to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United  
20 States, the United States Forest Service, the President of the United  
21 States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each  
22 member of Congress from the State of Washington.