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**By** Senators Skratek, Erwin, Sheldon, Bluechel, M. Rasmussen, Deccio and von Reichbauer

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1        TO THE HONORABLE BILL CLINTON, 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 SECRETARY . . . . .,  
5        SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CHAIRMAN  
6        OF THE ECONOMIC POLICY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT:

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

10       WHEREAS, The State of Washington was selected to be a pilot state  
11       under the President's Initiative on Rural Development; and

12       WHEREAS, Voluntary and meaningful communication between all levels  
13       of government, including tribal governments, and the nonprofit and  
14       private sectors is critical for the representation of the needs and  
15       interests of rural residents; and

16       WHEREAS, It is also of critical importance to the integrity of the  
17       entire state to identify ways that urban and rural economies of  
18       Washington and the nation can function to complement each other and  
19       reinforce the quality of life available to residents; and

20       WHEREAS, The Washington State Rural Development Council has been in  
21       operation since February 1991, through the voluntary support of state,

1 federal, tribal, and local governments, and private business and  
2 citizens; and

3 WHEREAS, The Council is a partnership between state, federal, local  
4 government, tribal government, and the public and private sectors, and  
5 is organized to meet the needs of all members of the partnership in a  
6 mutual effort to both mitigate negative impacts upon rural communities,  
7 enhance their viability and self-reliance, and look for ways to  
8 coordinate, synchronize, or consolidate the efforts of all who serve  
9 rural communities and citizens; and

10 WHEREAS, The Council's mission has been determined by public forum  
11 to be: According to locally conceived and driven strategies,  
12 coordinate and apply private, local, state, tribal, and federal  
13 resources to support the development of viable, self-reliant rural  
14 communities; and

15 WHEREAS, The Council has been a productive catalyst in focusing  
16 attention on the needs and opportunities facing rural communities; and

17 WHEREAS, In acknowledgement and recognition of these efforts all  
18 agencies and branches of state government that operate programs in  
19 rural areas of the state are being encouraged to participate actively  
20 in the activities of the Council; and

21 WHEREAS, Your Memorialists send their appreciation for being  
22 included as a pilot state in the President's Initiative on Rural  
23 America, and do hereby attest to the significant accomplishments  
24 brought about in Washington state through the efforts of the leadership  
25 and members of the Washington State Rural Development Council;

26 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that Congress  
27 establish the program on an ongoing basis and provide other states the  
28 opportunity to participate in efforts to enhance the economic vitality  
29 of rural America.

30 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
31 transmitted to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United  
32 States, Secretary . . . . ., Secretary of the United States  
33 Department of Agriculture and Chairman of the Economic Policy Council  
34 Working Group on Rural Development, the President of the United States  
35 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each member  
36 of Congress from the State of Washington.

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