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1 TO THE HONORABLE BARACK OBAMA, 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 THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DRUG
5 ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION:

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, Marijuana is currently listed under the Controlled
10 Substances Act as a Schedule I drug. Schedule I drugs are considered
11 to have a high potential for abuse and have no currently accepted
12 medical use; and

13 WHEREAS, Washington state, as well as twenty-one other states and
14 the District of Columbia, recognizes the medical value of marijuana for
15 certain medical conditions. Yet, because marijuana is considered a
16 Schedule I drug, it is unable to be dispensed in a pharmacy by a
17 pharmacy professional; and

18 WHEREAS, Recent Department of Justice guidance relating to state
19 legalization of marijuana described the Department of Justice
20 enforcement priorities relating to marijuana, including preventing the

1 distribution of marijuana to minors and preventing the diversion of
2 marijuana from Washington state to other states. Using pharmacists to
3 dispense marijuana and provide advice to their patients would provide
4 robust controls that would be effective on paper as well as in
5 practice;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the Drug
7 Enforcement Administration reschedule marijuana from Schedule I to
8 Schedule II or lower in order to allow physicians to prescribe and
9 pharmacists to dispense marijuana for medical use.

10 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
11 transmitted to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United
12 States, the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the
13 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of
14 Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
15 Washington.

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