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1            TO THE HONORABLE BOOTH GARDNER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF  
2 WASHINGTON, AND TO THE WASHINGTON HEALTH CARE COMMISSION:

3            We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of  
4 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully  
5 represent and petition as follows:

6            WHEREAS, The Legislature established the Washington Health Care  
7 Commission in 1990 to achieve five goals: Control health costs,  
8 provide universal access to health services, develop incentives for the  
9 use of appropriate and effective health services, reform the health  
10 care liability system, and improve state health care purchasing; and

11            WHEREAS, The Commission's 1991 Interim Report to the Governor and  
12 the Legislature demonstrates an admirable effort to involve Washington  
13 citizens involved in the health care delivery system and as health care  
14 consumers; and

15            WHEREAS, The Commission and its staff were extremely successful in  
16 gathering and analyzing health care data to more clearly define the

1 five goals of the Commission as well as identify specific avenues for  
2 achieving those goals; and

3 WHEREAS, The Legislature finds that the health and welfare of the  
4 citizens of Washington would be significantly harmed if the Commission  
5 and the citizens, employers, and government of Washington did not  
6 complete the work begun by the Commission;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives  
8 encourage the Commission to implement its plan for 1992 and continue  
9 its efforts to address reforms of the health system; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives endorse  
11 the Commission's work program outlined in its 1991 Interim Report which  
12 is:

13 Continued design and cost analysis of an initial package of a  
14 uniform set of health services for all Washington citizens;

15 Evaluation of additional finance and payment system reforms,  
16 including the role of employers, responsibilities for system financing,  
17 additional responsibilities and authorities of the new state board or  
18 commission to guide the reformed health system, and a method for  
19 financing those uniform health services not included in the uniform  
20 benefits package;

21 Development of strategies for overcoming nonfinancial barriers to  
22 accessing health services;

23 Identification of incentives to encourage the use of appropriate  
24 and effective health services and to encourage healthy behaviors; and

25 Further development and evaluation of the prevention and process  
26 strategies identified by the Commission in 1991 to reform the health  
27 care liability system; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
29 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
30 Representatives to the Governor of the state of Washington and the

1 Washington Health Care Commission.