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By Senator Heavey

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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 THE NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING
5 COMMISSION:

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 Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 was passed by
10 Congress to protect tribal and state interests as they pertain to
11 gambling; and

12 WHEREAS, The primary intent of Congress was to allow for tribal
13 economic development and self-sufficiency consistent with the state's
14 public policy as it pertains to gambling; and

15 WHEREAS, Under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, the conduct of
16 class III gaming within the state's boundaries is subject to the
17 completion of a tribal-state compact; and

18 WHEREAS, The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act does allow certain tribes
19 to operate specific class III card games without the completion of a
20 tribal-state compact if the tribes were operating these gaming
21 activities on or before May 1, 1988; and

1 WHEREAS, The Puyallup Indian Tribe has requested the National
2 Indian Gaming Commission to allow the tribe to operate class III card
3 games without the benefit of a tribal-state compact despite the fact
4 that the tribe was not operating these card games on or before May 1,
5 1988; and

6 WHEREAS, The Puyallup tribe is clearly attempting to circumvent the
7 legitimate tribal-state negotiation process established by the Indian
8 Gaming Regulatory Act; and

9 WHEREAS, The approval by the National Indian Gaming Commission of
10 such requests would clearly damage the current state negotiation
11 process and regulatory structure developed under current compacts;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully request that the
13 Congress of the United States direct the National Indian Gaming
14 Commission to reject the Puyallup Indian Tribe's request to operate
15 card games without the benefit of a tribal-state compact and require
16 the Puyallup tribe to proceed with the legitimate negotiation process
17 with the state of Washington that has been established by the Indian
18 Gaming Regulatory Act in order to be allowed to operate any class III
19 gaming activities.

20 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
21 transmitted to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United
22 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
23 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
24 Washington, and the National Indian Gaming Commission.

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