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By Representatives Boldt and Dunn

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1 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
2 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
3 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

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

7 WHEREAS, The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act was put  
8 into effect to protect this great resource that the states of  
9 Washington and Oregon share; and

10 WHEREAS, The intent and planning of the Act has been implemented by  
11 both states and by the gorge counties in both states; and

12 WHEREAS, The citizens of Washington who live in the gorge planning  
13 area have been denied full liberty and hindered in their pursuit of  
14 happiness because of excessive regulations developed under the guise of  
15 the Act; and

16 WHEREAS, The counties within the gorge planning area have been  
17 plagued by excessive regulations adopted by the Columbia River Gorge  
18 Commission even though the counties have planned and continue to plan  
19 in accordance with the Act;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully ask Congress to hold  
21 public oversight hearings on the impacts of the Columbia River Gorge

1 National Scenic Area Act and its implementation on the citizens and the  
2 counties within the area covered by the Act.

3 BE IT RESOLVED, That your Memorialists respectfully ask Congress to  
4 amend the Act by:

5 (1) Directing the Columbia River Gorge Commission to cooperate and  
6 assist counties in implementing the Act, acting with an attitude of  
7 service rather than an attitude of control; and

8 (2) Providing for the election of the county members of the  
9 Columbia River Gorge Commission by the residents of those counties on  
10 both sides of the river; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
12 transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker  
13 of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the  
14 State of Washington.

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