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By Senators Kohl-Welles, Thibaudeau, Kline, Wojahn, Spanel, McCaslin, Franklin, Winsley, Prentice, Fairley and Finkbeiner

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1 TO THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
2 STATES, AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
3 OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
4 THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

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

8 WHEREAS, Some studies have shown that some seriously ill patients
9 may benefit from the medical use of marijuana to relieve symptoms and
10 suffering which accompany cancer chemotherapy, AIDS wasting syndrome,
11 glaucoma, muscle spasms induced by epilepsy and multiple sclerosis, and
12 some forms of intractable pain; and

13 WHEREAS, Those seriously ill patients should be exempt from
14 criminal prosecution for limited personal possession and use of
15 marijuana, as should physicians who authorize those patients to use
16 marijuana to relieve symptoms and suffering;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that Congress
18 pass and the President approve legislation removing marijuana from the
19 list of Schedule I controlled substances and placing it on the Schedule
20 II list of controlled substances.

1 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
2 transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the
3 United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker
4 of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the
5 State of Washington.

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