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By Senators Shin, Costa, Roach, Prentice, Rasmussen, Regala and Patterson

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1 TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
2 AND 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 INTERNET CORPORATION FOR
5 ASSIGNED NAMES AND NUMBERS:

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, Every day countless children and adults suffer emotional
10 damage and offense through unintentionally accessing pornography from
11 an adult-content site on the Internet by mistakenly typing in an
12 incorrect domain designation; and

13 WHEREAS, Software which prevents access to adult-content sites
14 cannot reliably do so because of the variability of Internet domain
15 designations for adult-content sites; and

16 WHEREAS, Creating a generic top-level domain designation specific
17 to adult-content sites would reduce the variability of Internet domain
18 designations for adult-content sites, and would thereby enhance the
19 reliability with which software is able to prevent inadvertent access;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully request that an
21 additional generic top-level domain designation be created as ".xxx" so

1 that all adult-content Internet sites would be designated by use of
2 this generic top-level domain. This will enable blocking software to
3 more reliably recognize adult-content sites, thereby ensuring that
4 children and adults will not view pornography on the Internet in error.

5 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
6 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
7 States, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, the
8 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of
9 Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
10 Washington.

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