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By Senators Shin, Rasmussen and Sheahan

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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:

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, The aquaculture industry in Washington state produces
9 high-quality, pathogen-free, live salmon and trout eggs and smolts for
10 sale to public agencies and private companies throughout the world; and

11 WHEREAS, Washington state's aquaculture industry employs hundreds
12 of people in well-paying, technical positions located in many rural
13 communities throughout the state, generating forty million dollars
14 worth of products; and

15 WHEREAS, Canadian fish farmers have expressed the desire to
16 purchase high-quality salmon and trout eggs and smolts from Washington
17 state producers; and

18 WHEREAS, Many fish farmers in the United States currently purchase
19 salmon and trout eggs and smolts from Canada; and

1 WHEREAS, Increased freedom to engage in the commercial trade of
2 aquacultural products between the United States and Canada will only
3 help our two nations grow more prosperous;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
5 government of the United States emphasize the importance of the free
6 and fair trade of aquacultural products in its relations with the
7 government of Canada.

8 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
9 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
10 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
11 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
12 Washington.

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