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1            TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH, 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:

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 recent scientific studies suggest a possible link  
9 between exposure to electric and magnetic fields and human health  
10 effects; and

11           WHEREAS, There has been increasing public attention and concern  
12 about possible health effects from electric and magnetic fields (EMF);  
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14           WHEREAS, Electricity is essential to the productivity, health, and  
15 security of all people in the United States; and

16           WHEREAS, it is recognized that there is a clear need for a solid  
17 scientific basis for decision making on the EMF issue, particularly

1 with respect to the confident establishment of standards for field  
2 strength exposures; and

3 WHEREAS, it is also recognized that individual states and local  
4 jurisdictions do not have the resources to conduct thorough and  
5 conclusive scientific research on the health effects of EMF; and

6 WHEREAS, It is in the nation's best interest to address the  
7 possible health effects of EMF on a national basis, through research  
8 conducted by an independent institution with a credible track record in  
9 public health research;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
11 Congress of the United States provide, alone or in conjunction with  
12 other public and private entities, additional funding to expand and  
13 accelerate a national research program to address and resolve the  
14 growing concern about possible health effects from electric and  
15 magnetic fields.

16 BE IT RESOLVED, That the research program be overseen by an  
17 independent advisory board consisting of top-level officials from  
18 federal agencies, state health departments, and public utility  
19 commissions; and

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