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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, AND TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN
5 AFFAIRS:

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, The Chinook, Cowlitz, Duwamish, Samish, Snohomish,
10 Snoqualmie, and Steilacoom Tribes of Washington have not been
11 officially recognized by the bureau of Indian affairs on behalf of the
12 United States government; and

13 WHEREAS, Federal recognition of these tribes will restore tribal
14 sovereignty, improve tribal governance, clarify tribal status, and
15 establish important tribal rights, powers, and privileges; and

1 WHEREAS, These tribes are petitioning the bureau of Indian affairs
2 to secure official federal recognition; and

3 WHEREAS, Federal legislation is needed to improve current
4 procedures by which tribes must petition for federal recognition;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
6 Congress of the United States confer the status of federally recognized
7 tribes upon the Chinook, Cowlitz, Duwamish, Samish, Snohomish,
8 Snoqualmie, and Steilacoom Tribes of Washington, and that federal
9 legislation be enacted guaranteeing to all tribes the right to seek
10 federal recognition under a clear, unbiased, and timely administrative
11 procedure.

12 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
13 transmitted to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United
14 States, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the President of the United
15 States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each
16 member of Congress from the State of Washington.