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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 THE SECRETARY OF THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:

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, Health care has changed enormously since the creation of
10 the Medicare program and prescription medications play an ever-growing
11 role in the practice of medicine; and

12 WHEREAS, The role of prescription medications will only increase
13 due to the development of new medications, specifically, medications
14 that treat the main medical conditions that affect senior citizens:
15 Heart disease, cancer, and stroke; and

16 WHEREAS, A significant portion of senior citizens do not have and
17 cannot afford prescription medication insurance coverage; and

18 WHEREAS, The cost of prescription medication continues to increase
19 and a growing number of seniors are finding it difficult to afford
20 these medications;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the 107th
2 Congress of the United States of America pass legislation to add a
3 prescription drug benefit to the Medicare program in order to give
4 senior citizens access to necessary and life-giving medication.

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, the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and
8 Human Services, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker
9 of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the
10 State of Washington.

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