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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 GOVERNOR TOM RIDGE,
5 DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY:

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 State of Washington's economy is dependent upon
10 numerous critical infrastructures, many of which are owned and operated
11 by the private sector; and

12 WHEREAS, These critical infrastructures are highly complex and
13 interdependent, such that disruptions by natural disaster or by
14 terrorist attack may lead to cascading and escalating effects on other
15 critical infrastructures; and

16 WHEREAS, Bonneville Power Administration, which provides the
17 backbone of our state's electrical power system, has led the nation in
18 emergency preparedness and risk assessment; and

19 WHEREAS, Over eighty percent of our natural gas supply is imported
20 from Canada, and our electrical grid system is highly integrated with
21 BC Hydro; and

1 WHEREAS, The Pacific Northwest Economic Region has launched the
2 first multistate, binational Partnership for Regional Infrastructure
3 Security, bringing over one hundred twenty public and private
4 stakeholders to address interdependency issues and work toward an
5 action plan for a "disaster resistant" region; and

6 WHEREAS, The Canadian federal Office of Critical Infrastructure
7 Protection and Emergency Preparedness has agreed to support a
8 binational exercise addressing the interdependencies between border
9 states and provinces; and

10 WHEREAS, The United States Office of Critical Infrastructure
11 Protection and the Homeland Security Department have announced their
12 interest in doing a binational regional exercise with Canada;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully communicate their
14 support of such an exercise being held in the Pacific Northwest under
15 the auspices of PNWER to develop an action plan for regional
16 infrastructure security.

17 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
18 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
19 States, Governor Tom Ridge, Director of the Office of Homeland
20 Security, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
21 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
22 Washington.

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