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By Senators Rasmussen, Parlette, Spanel and Oke

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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 ANN VENEMAN, THE SECRETARY
5 OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE:

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 National Marine Fisheries Service and the United
10 States Department of Fish and Wildlife have listed several species of
11 salmonids as either threatened or endangered under the federal
12 Endangered Species Act; and

13 WHEREAS, A number of water bodies throughout the state do not
14 currently comply with federally approved water quality standards
15 including temperature, turbidity, and other parameters; and

16 WHEREAS, The State of Washington and the United States Department
17 of Agriculture have entered into a memorandum of agreement that
18 establishes the conservation reserve enhancement program to provide
19 incentives to owners of agricultural land in Washington State to
20 restore and enhance conditions in riparian areas by planting trees and
21 shrubs for the benefit of fishery habitat and water quality; and

1 WHEREAS, The conservation reserve enhancement program is available
2 for a number of categories of agricultural lands but is not available
3 to lands that produce perennial horticultural crops;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
5 Secretary of the Department of Agriculture review its policies that
6 would allow the inclusion in the program of lands that are currently
7 used to produce perennial horticultural crops.

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, Ann Veneman, the Secretary of the United States Department of
11 Agriculture, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of
12 the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the
13 State of Washington.

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