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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8019** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senators Shin, Rasmussen, Rockefeller, Weinstein, Kastama, Kohl-Welles, Pridemore, Berkey, Doumit, McAuliffe, Franklin, Keiser, Regala, Fairley, Prentice, Jacobsen, Fraser and Haugen

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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 UNITED STATES TRADE  
5            REPRESENTATIVE, AMBASSADOR ROB PORTMAN:

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 trade liberalization efforts of the early 1990s and  
10            trade agreements such as the North American Free Trade Agreement and  
11            the World Trade Organization Uruguay Round agreements have increased  
12            the role of state policymakers in international trade decisions; and

13            WHEREAS, Trade liberalization has transformed the historical state-  
14            federal division of power and taxed state agency resources in dealing  
15            with the world marketplace; and

16            WHEREAS, Recent trade agreements have proceeded beyond discussion  
17            of tariffs and quotas and now address government regulation, taxation,  
18            procurement, and economic development policies that are implemented at  
19            state and local levels; and

1       WHEREAS, States often lack a clearly defined institutional trade  
2 policy structure, making it difficult to handle requests from trading  
3 partners and federal agencies and to articulate a unified state stance  
4 on trade issues; and

5       WHEREAS, International lawsuits may be brought against states and  
6 governments found to be in violation of trade agreements; and

7       WHEREAS, There is a need for a stronger federal-state trade policy  
8 consultation mechanism; and

9       WHEREAS, Many state and local executive, legislative, and judicial  
10 branch officials have voiced the need for an informed, nonpartisan  
11 trade policy dialogue on a national level; and

12       WHEREAS, Federal-state communication and cooperation in the  
13 implementation of trade agreements is needed now more than ever before;  
14 and

15       WHEREAS, In August 2004, the Intergovernmental Policy Advisory  
16 Committee, a state-appointed advisory committee to the United States  
17 Trade Representative, recommended that a Federal-State International  
18 Trade Policy Commission would be an ideal resource for objective trade  
19 policy analysis and would foster communication among federal and state  
20 trade policy officials; and

21       WHEREAS, The creation of a federal-state trade policy  
22 infrastructure would assist states in understanding the scope of  
23 federal trade efforts and would assist federal agencies in  
24 understanding the various state trade processes;

25       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully request that the  
26 United States Trade Representative create a Federal-State International  
27 Trade Policy Commission with membership to be drawn from federal and  
28 state trade policy officials.

29       BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
30 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United  
31 States, the Ambassador Rob Portman, United States Trade Representative,  
32 the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
33 Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of  
34 Washington.

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