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1 TO THE HONORABLE DONALD J. TRUMP, 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
4 THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

5 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
6 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled,
7 respectfully represent and petition as follows:

8 WHEREAS, Numerous anti-American, violent Marxist organizations
9 who seek to effectuate their mission through violence have launched
10 or grown in size across the United States, particularly in Washington
11 state, over the last decade; and

12 WHEREAS, The John Brown Gun Club, the Socialist Rifle
13 Association, Redneck Revolt, and organizations identifying as Antifa
14 were established to promote a Marxist ideology that intends to
15 abridge liberty, end capitalism, and establish state control over the
16 economy, the culture, and the nation; and

17 WHEREAS, The John Brown Gun Club, the Socialist Rifle
18 Association, Redneck Revolt, and organizations identifying as Antifa
19 seek to effectuate their mission not through peaceful counter-protest
20 but through violence, harassment, intimidation, vandalism, and other
21 illegal activity; and

22 WHEREAS, The Anti-Defamation League has characterized the
23 activities of organizations identifying as Antifa to be "dangerous,"

1 as they have "expanded their definition of fascist/fascism to
2 include . . . many conservatives and supporters of President Trump";
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The Socialist Rifle Association was in direct contact
5 with the Dayton, Ohio shooter via social media and at least one
6 alleged member in Washington state is being investigated for making
7 death threats toward elected officials; and

8 WHEREAS, Redneck Revolt published online a terror training manual
9 entitled "Mini-Manual of the Urban Guerilla" written by Carlos
10 Marighella a Brazilian communist and terrorist implicated in the
11 kidnapping of United States Ambassador Charles Burke in 1969 and the
12 tactics advocated in that manual have been used by violent Marxist
13 organizations on the streets of Washington state and Oregon; and

14 WHEREAS, Redneck Revolt on its online web site states as its
15 beliefs "militant resistance," "the need for revolution," and "there
16 will have to be a complete restructuring of society," eerily similar
17 to comments made by Soviet dictator and mass murderer Vladimir Lenin;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Redneck Revolt and the John Brown Gun Club are listed in
20 an online map entitled "connect locally" as closely affiliated
21 organizations; and

22 WHEREAS, Antifa Oakland was the subject of a July 11, 2017,
23 Federal Bureau of Investigation field investigation detailing that
24 they traveled to Germany where there was "evidence of meetings
25 between these individuals and associates of ISIS" an international
26 recognized terrorist organization; and

27 WHEREAS, Antifa was being investigated according to a December
28 2018, Federal Bureau of Investigation report for a plan to buy
29 firearms from a Mexican drug cartel and "stage an armed rebellion at
30 the border" of the United States; and

31 WHEREAS, Willem van Spronsen, the man who attempted to fire-bomb
32 a Federal facility in Tacoma, was a self-admitted member of Antifa
33 which he wrote in his manifesto and the Puget Sound John Brown Gun
34 Club and was pictured in multiple media outlets wearing a baseball
35 hat reading "JBGC" or "John Brown Gun Club";

36 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully request Congress
37 and the President of the United States begin hearings and mandate
38 investigations into the activities of the John Brown Gun Club,
39 Redneck Revolt, Antifa, and the Socialist Rifle Association, and

1 their ties to international terrorist and other criminal
2 organizations;

3 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
4 transmitted to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United
5 States, the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in
6 the several states, the President of the United States Senate, the
7 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress
8 from the state of Washington.

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