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1 TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND
2 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:

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

8 WHEREAS, On August 2, 1990, Iraq's military invaded, and to the
9 present has occupied, Kuwait; and

10 WHEREAS, United States troops were initially sent by President Bush
11 to the Persian Gulf to defend Saudi Arabia from invasion; and

12 WHEREAS, The economic embargo against Iraq, which is already having
13 an observable impact, was instituted with the understanding that it
14 would require as much as a year to have its intended effect; and

15 WHEREAS, Peaceful diplomatic initiatives are being attempted by the
16 United Nations, members of the Arab League, and the United States; and

1 WHEREAS, Presently, the United States, Iraq, and many other
2 countries are poised for a deadly confrontation as a result of the
3 United Nations Security Council's Resolution authorizing military force
4 after January 15, 1991; and

5 WHEREAS, War is an irreversible and devastating action that
6 according to estimates will result in United States casualties of ten
7 to fifty thousand Americans, in addition to the death and injury of
8 countless civilian men, women, and children and soldiers from other
9 countries; and

10 WHEREAS, The cost of this war, which will run in the billions of
11 dollars, and skyrocketing petroleum prices will have a devastating
12 effect on our weakening national and state economies, hindering our
13 ability to address increasing poverty, homelessness, and unemployment,
14 and to meet our responsibility for education, medical care,
15 transportation, and affordable housing; and

16 WHEREAS, Citizens of Washington State are not convinced that all
17 diplomatic and nonmilitary avenues have been exhausted to resolve the
18 crises in the Persian Gulf and do not wish to see the lives of our
19 service men and women sacrificed when a national emergency does not
20 exist;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully call on President
22 George Bush and his administration to rely on peaceful diplomatic
23 efforts and allow an additional year for economic sanctions to work and
24 initiate no offensive military action during this time period; and

25 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully call on our
26 Washington State Congressional delegation to withhold consent to any
27 offensive military action and advocate for peaceful diplomatic and
28 nonmilitary efforts.

29 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate and House of Representatives of the
30 State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, call on the

1 Citizens of the State of Washington to contact the President of the
2 United States, and their Representatives to the Congress of the United
3 States, to voice their concerns about the use of military force in the
4 Persian Gulf.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
6 transmitted to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United
7 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
8 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
9 Washington.