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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, President Gorbachev has deployed Soviet troops to the
9 Baltic nations and has begun to use force to impose his rule in place
10 of the democratically elected government of Lithuania; and

11 WHEREAS, The United States has never recognized the forcible
12 annexation of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia into the Soviet Union; and

13 WHEREAS, These Baltic nations have been at the forefront of
14 economic reform and real democratization among the people of the Soviet
15 Union; and

1 WHEREAS, The governments of the Baltic nations have responded with
2 an urgent appeal for the immediate support of all democratic countries
3 to protect the independence and democracy of the Baltic nations; and

4 WHEREAS, Such coercive tactics are unacceptable among the community
5 of democratic nations and especially so at a time when the world,
6 including the Soviet Union itself, is united in opposition to the
7 forcible annexation of another small nation, Kuwait, by its brutal
8 neighbor, Iraq;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully call on President
10 George Bush and his administration to prevail upon President Gorbachev
11 and the government of the USSR to stop the aggression and to protect
12 the lives and human rights of the citizens of the Baltic nations in
13 accordance with the provisions of the Helsinki Accords, to utilize
14 diplomatic as well as economic means to stabilize the situation in the
15 Baltics, and to support the restoration of independence and
16 democratically elected governments of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia;
17 and

18 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully call on our
19 Washington State Congressional delegation to call upon President
20 Gorbachev and the government of the USSR to refrain from further use of
21 coercive tactics against the democratically elected governments of
22 Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia and the peaceful citizens of the Baltic
23 nations; and

24 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully call on the citizens
25 of the State of Washington to contact the President of the United
26 States, and their Representatives to the Congress of the United States,
27 to voice their concerns about the current situation in the Baltic
28 nations.

29 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
30 transmitted to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United

1 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
2 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
3 Washington.