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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, The nation's economic system, the trade deficit, our
9 national security, and American jobs are tied closely to adequate and
10 stable supplies of energy; and

11 WHEREAS, Half of the country's energy use today is oil; and

12 WHEREAS, Imports of foreign oil are now increasing past the fifty
13 percent level, while domestic production continues to decline; and

14 WHEREAS, Repeated events in the Middle East point up the United
15 States' vulnerability to, and the potential for, oil supply disruptions
16 due to the unstable nature of this volatile region; and

1 WHEREAS, There is an urgent national need to pursue all practicable
2 measures to offset use of imported oil; and

3 WHEREAS, Many practicable alternatives to foreign oil are
4 available, including more efficient use of all forms of energy, ethanol
5 and other alternative vehicle fuels, enhanced production of domestic
6 oil and natural gas, nuclear energy, the sun, the wind, and geothermal
7 energy, and environmentally better use of domestic coal; and

8 WHEREAS, The least cost, most available, and most environmentally
9 benign alternative is increased investment in energy efficiency; and

10 WHEREAS, A clear and well-articulated national energy policy can
11 give strong and unequivocal national direction toward a sound energy
12 future;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that Congress
14 quickly enact a national energy strategy and implementing measures that
15 will most effectively lead to reduced dependence on foreign oil.

16 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
17 transmitted to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United
18 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
19 House of Representatives, and to each member of Congress from the State
20 of Washington.