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1 TO THE HONORABLE BILL CLINTON, 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 economy of Washington is heavily dependent on timber
9 harvesting and forest products production; and

10 WHEREAS, There is a fundamental need to protect old growth forest
11 ecosystems through comprehensive forest management on federal lands;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, A severe forest management crisis exists in the Pacific
14 Northwest affecting the lives of thousands of timber workers, families,
15 and communities; and

16 WHEREAS, A solution to the forest management crisis must balance
17 economic needs with ecosystem protection; and

18 WHEREAS, The Economic Recovery Coordination Board support a
19 bipartisan Pacific Northwest forest summit proposed by President Bill
20 Clinton as the most reasonable solution to the forest management
21 crisis; and

1 WHEREAS, The Northwest congressional delegation should support a
2 bipartisan Northwest forest summit as a means of resolving the ongoing
3 forest management crisis; and

4 WHEREAS, The summit should be held as soon as possible once the
5 Clinton administration takes office; and

6 WHEREAS, The summit conferees obtain input from all interested
7 parties on the forest management issue and the actual summit decisions
8 should be determined by the conferees consisting of representatives
9 from the new administration, the Northwest congressional delegation,
10 and the governors of the affected states only; and

11 WHEREAS, The outcome of the summit should result in an outline for
12 legislation that will:

13 (1) Maintain and diversify the economy of timber communities;

14 (2) Assure continuation of essential local government services and
15 community stability;

16 (3) Provide a stable and predictable supply of timber and a
17 reasonable level of jobs in the forest industry; and

18 (4) Provide protection for fragile forest ecosystems and
19 biodiversity;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
21 Northwest congressional delegation and other interested members of
22 congress should refrain from introducing legislation concerning federal
23 forest management pending the outcome of the summit. The summit should
24 serve to develop legislation.

25 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
26 transmitted to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United
27 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
28 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
29 Washington.

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