HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 4009

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Affairs.

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 AND TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY 5 CORPS OF ENGINEERS, AND TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY:

6 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of 7 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully 8 represent and petition as follows:

9 WHEREAS, The damage sustained during flood events is considerable; 10 and

11 WHEREAS, Reconstruction following flood events is expensive and 12 time consuming; and

13 WHEREAS, Cooperation among federal, state, and local agencies 14 during times of flood crises and during the reconstruction period 15 following is essential; and

16 WHEREAS, The need for regulations that provide the greatest benefit 17 in terms of flood protection for both life, property, and fish habitat 18 is crucial; and

19 WHEREAS, Reconstruction to preflood conditions results in a 20 continuation of the potential for future similar flood damages; and

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WHEREAS, Certain provisions of federal laws relating to
reconstruction or repairs to flood-damaged facilities allow funding
only to restore the facilities to preflood conditions;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the provisions of P.L. 84-99 regulating the actions of the United States Army Corps of Engineers and P.L. 93-288 regulating the actions of the Federal Emergency Management Agency be modified to provide consistency and flexibility to the greatest extent possible for state and local government flood projects.

BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United States, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

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