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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 People's Liberation Army of China invaded and overran  
9 Tibet in 1950, ending centuries of independence and threatening a  
10 distinct two thousand five hundred year old culture--which has its own  
11 religion, language, and government--with extinction; and

12 WHEREAS, After forty-three years of deliberate genocide, including  
13 more than one million killed or starved to death, the Chinese now  
14 outnumber Tibetans in Tibet, owing to a deliberate policy of  
15 immigration coupled with deprivation of health care and encouragement  
16 of tobacco and alcohol abuse; and

17 WHEREAS, China has now declared Tibet an "open economic zone" to  
18 encourage additional immigration of Chinese, who are displacing  
19 Tibetans from their traditional livelihoods and is now even removing  
20 Tibetans from the government of the so-called "Tibet Autonomous Region"

1 who had been in league with the communists, in favor of Chinese cadres;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, China has a rapidly growing trade surplus of eighteen  
4 billion three hundred million dollars a year with the United States,  
5 second only to Japan, based on low- and even slave-labor production  
6 methods--a surplus being used to vastly expand its military and its  
7 coercive influence over all of Asia;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
9 Congress of the United States enact stringent human rights conditions  
10 on any continuation of China's "most favored nation" trade status,  
11 including language calling for an end of population transfer into  
12 Tibet, for an end of human rights abuses there, and for China to begin  
13 good faith negotiations with the Tibetan government in exile, headed by  
14 the fourteenth Dalai Lama, winner of the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize.

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

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