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1            TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,  
2            AND 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 TOM RIDGE, SECRETARY-  
5            DESIGNATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY:

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 State of Washington's economy is dependent upon  
10           numerous critical infrastructures, many of which are owned and operated  
11           by the private sector; and

12           WHEREAS, These critical infrastructures are highly complex and  
13           interdependent, such that disruptions by natural disaster or by  
14           terrorist attack may lead to cascading and escalating effects on other  
15           critical infrastructures; and

16           WHEREAS, Bonneville Power Administration, which provides the  
17           backbone of our state's electrical power system, has led the nation in  
18           emergency preparedness and risk assessment; and

19           WHEREAS, Over eighty percent of our natural gas supply is imported

1 from Canada, and our electrical grid system is highly integrated with  
2 BC Hydro; and

3 WHEREAS, The Pacific Northwest Economic Region has launched the  
4 first multistate, binational Partnership for Regional Infrastructure  
5 Security, bringing over one hundred twenty public and private  
6 stakeholders to address interdependency issues and work toward an  
7 action plan for a "disaster resistant" region; and

8 WHEREAS, The Pacific Northwest Economic Region completed the first  
9 binational critical infrastructure desktop exercise called Blue  
10 Cascades; and

11 WHEREAS, The Blue Cascade exercise identified numerous areas of  
12 concern in critical infrastructure cascading effects;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully communicate their  
14 support for the United States Department of Homeland Security to  
15 develop an action plan addressing the key findings of the Blue Cascades  
16 for regional infrastructure security.

17 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
18 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United  
19 States, Tom Ridge, Secretary-Designate of the Department of Homeland  
20 Security, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the  
21 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of  
22 Washington.

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