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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 SPENCER ABRAHAM, THE
5 SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY:

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, Governor Locke recently launched "Bio 21" with the express
10 intention to strengthen, enhance, and expand the biotechnology
11 businesses for the people of Washington State through merging science,
12 health, education, and research projects, encouraging partnerships from
13 public and private participations; and

14 WHEREAS, The "Bio 21" document was prepared under the leadership of
15 the Technology Alliance of Washington in January 2004 at the direction
16 of Governor Locke, recognizing that Washington State ranks 46th out of
17 50 states in obtaining research funding grants; and

18 WHEREAS, The "Bio 21" document answered the question that
19 Washington State does have unique assets at the intersection of
20 biotechnology and information technology that should be exploited for

1 the benefit of Washington's economy encompassing some of the most
2 important companies in the world in the technology sectors, including
3 software, biotechnology, wireless communications, aerospace technology,
4 energy, environmental technology, and nanotechnology; and

5 WHEREAS, Governor Locke has accepted the recommendations of the
6 Washington Competitiveness Council's January 2002 report to examine
7 Washington's ability to compete and create jobs in a global economy;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Governor Locke recognizes that Washington State is the
10 home of a unique United States Department of Energy (U.S. DOE)
11 property, the five billion dollar Fast Flux Test Facility (FFTF)
12 complex, located in the Tri-Cities, that could allow Washington State
13 to provide a national center for radiopharmaceutical production that
14 would bring in five hundred million dollars in private capital
15 immediately to make these facilities market ready, benefiting the
16 people of Washington State, the Nation, and the World, through improved
17 health care; and

18 WHEREAS, "Bio 21" recognizes fields of advanced science such as
19 radiopharmaceuticals for diagnostic and therapeutic medical procedures
20 with five billion dollars of market sales by 2008 projected by the U.S.
21 DOE and the National Cancer Institute with tens of millions of these
22 procedures being performed annually; and

23 WHEREAS, United States Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy
24 Thompson, on October 8, 2002, requested that U.S. DOE give "...the
25 (community re-use commercialization) proposal every consideration..."
26 for utilization of these facilities which could meet expanded national
27 health care needs and provide a consistent national domestic supply of
28 medical isotopes, which are now over ninety percent imported; and

29 WHEREAS, The 30,000 member organization, the United States
30 Radiological Society of North America, as of December 2003, is seeking
31 the establishment of a United States radionuclide production facility
32 to handle the projected growth in food security, homeland security, and
33 health care that drives expanded United States isotope production
34 requirements;

35 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the U.S.
36 DOE act on United States District Court Judge Edward F. Shea's ruling
37 to prepare the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to determine the
38 final disposition of the unused FFTF property and that the U.S. DOE

1 avoid every irretrievable action that could jeopardize future uses, and
2 we request that the U.S. DOE FFTF complex be privatized to a qualified
3 party for the production of medical isotopes and other energy related
4 issues. Further, Your Memorialists call on Secretary of Energy Spencer
5 Abraham to immediately call a multicabinet meeting represented by the
6 United States Departments of Energy, Health and Human Services,
7 Homeland Security, and Agriculture and Washington State representatives
8 to discuss multiagency uses.

9 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
10 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
11 States, Spencer Abraham, Secretary of the Department of Energy, the
12 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of
13 Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
14 Washington.

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