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By House Committee on Technology, Telecommunications & Energy
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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, Washington State does have unique assets at the
10 intersection of biotechnology and information technology that should be
11 exploited for the benefit of Washington's economy encompassing some of
12 the most important companies in the world in the technology sectors,
13 including software, biotechnology, wireless communications, aerospace
14 technology, energy, environmental technology, and nanotechnology; and

15 WHEREAS, Governor Locke has accepted the recommendations of the
16 Washington Competitiveness Council's January 2002 report to examine
17 Washington's ability to compete and create jobs in a global economy;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Governor Locke recognizes that Washington State is the
20 home of a unique United States Department of Energy (U.S. DOE)

1 property, the five billion dollar Fast Flux Test Facility (FFTF)
2 complex, located in the Tri-Cities, that could allow Washington State
3 to provide a national center for radiopharmaceutical production that
4 would bring in five hundred million dollars in private capital
5 immediately to make these facilities market ready, benefiting the
6 people of Washington State, the Nation, and the World, through improved
7 health care; and

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

14 WHEREAS, The 30,000 member organization, the United States
15 Radiological Society of North America, as of December 2003, is seeking
16 the establishment of a United States radionuclide production facility
17 to handle the projected growth in food security, homeland security, and
18 health care that drives expanded United States isotope production
19 requirements;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the U.S.
21 DOE act on United States District Court Judge Edward F. Shea's ruling
22 to prepare the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to determine the
23 final disposition of the unused FFTF property and that the U.S. DOE
24 avoid every irretrievable action that could jeopardize future uses, and
25 we request that the U.S. DOE FFTF complex be privatized to a qualified
26 party for the production of medical isotopes and other energy related
27 issues. Further, Your Memorialists call on Secretary of Energy Spencer
28 Abraham to immediately call a multicabinet meeting represented by the
29 United States Departments of Energy, Health and Human Services,
30 Homeland Security, and Agriculture and Washington State representatives
31 to discuss multiagency uses.

32 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
33 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
34 States, Spencer Abraham, Secretary of the Department of Energy, the
35 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of
36 Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of

1 Washington.

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