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By Senators Benton, Swecker, Pflug, T. Sheldon, Esser and Stevens

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1 TO THE HONORABLE PATTY MURRAY AND THE HONORABLE MARIA CANTWELL:
2 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
3 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
4 represent and petition as follows:

5 WHEREAS, Article II, Section 2 of the United States Constitution
6 states the President "shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and
7 Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors, other public
8 Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the Supreme Court, and all other
9 Officers of the United States"; and

10 WHEREAS, The administrative Office of the United States Courts has
11 classified twenty-two judgeships as "judicial emergencies"; and

12 WHEREAS, Forty-three of President George W. Bush's judicial
13 nominees are pending before the United States Senate; and

14 WHEREAS, Sixty-three percent of President Bush's Court of Appeals
15 nominations have been to fill seats classified as judicial emergencies;
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17 WHEREAS, Forty-two percent of President Bush's District Court
18 nominations have been to fill seats classified as judicial emergencies;
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1 WHEREAS, A minority of senators have used dilatory tactics to
2 prevent a Senate floor vote on six of President Bush's judicial
3 nominees, all of whom were reported favorably by the Committee on the
4 Judiciary; and

5 WHEREAS, Each of President Bush's judicial nominees reported
6 favorably by the Committee on the Judiciary enjoys the support of a
7 majority of the United States Senate, as is required by the United
8 States Constitution;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that our United
10 States Senators work to allow a timely vote on the floor of the United
11 States Senate on all judicial nominations.

12 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
13 transmitted to the Honorable Patty Murray and the Honorable Maria
14 Cantwell.

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