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By Senators Brown, Hewitt, Franklin, Fraser, Oemig, Kline, Kilmer, Swecker, Hobbs, Hatfield, Marr, Spanel, Regala, Kohl-Welles, Berkey, Pridemore, Rasmussen, McAuliffe, Sheldon and Shin

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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:

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 Washington National Guard has served Washington since
9 territorial times; and

10 WHEREAS, Nearly 8,600 men and women of the Washington National
11 Guard continue to serve the state and the country, at home and abroad;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The Guard serves Washington in a multitude of ways that
14 are particular to our region, local communities, and to our state; and

15 WHEREAS, The Guard adds value to our communities by opening its
16 readiness centers to the public for use as food banks, and other
17 community and youth activities; and

18 WHEREAS, The Guard promotes positive lifestyles and activities for
19 Washington's youth through involvement in and support of highly
20 effective drug prevention programs; and

1 WHEREAS, The Guard supports local law enforcement agencies; and

2 WHEREAS, The Guard prepares and trains to provide relief during
3 emergencies and natural disasters that may befall Washington; and

4 WHEREAS, Much of the responsiveness of the Guard in the event of
5 such emergencies depends on its status as a state entity; and

6 WHEREAS, The federalization of the Washington Air and Army National
7 Guard would undermine its effectiveness and virtue as an integral part
8 of the great state of Washington;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully request that the
10 President and Congress do not federalize the Washington Air and Army
11 National Guard so that it may continue to serve our state in its unique
12 capacity.

13 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
14 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
15 States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Veterans
16 Affairs, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
17 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
18 Washington.

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