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1 TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND
2 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, Public concern about protecting the global environment
9 continues to grow as evidence mounts of the long-term damage being done
10 to the Earth by global climate change, toxic waste, freshwater and
11 ocean pollution, and loss of biological diversity; and

12 WHEREAS, Environmental problems are inextricably linked with
13 economic and trade policies; and

14 WHEREAS, States have many critical responsibilities with respect to
15 supporting responsible economic development as well as for
16 environmental protection and natural resource management including

1 land-use planning, transportation, solid and hazardous waste
2 management, and procurement policies; and

3 WHEREAS, The Washington state legislature has enacted numerous
4 measures to protect the environment and promote economic development in
5 areas such as toxic waste management, recycling, nuclear waste cleanup,
6 growth management, agricultural lands preservation, pesticide
7 application, air quality, solid waste management, and oil spill
8 prevention; and

9 WHEREAS, The Washington state legislature has also supported
10 national initiatives which enable states to develop and implement
11 successful economic development and environmental protection programs;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The Washington state legislature recognizes that problems
14 such as global climate change, diminishing biological diversity, and
15 ocean pollution can only be solved with cooperation at all levels of
16 government from the local to the international; and

17 WHEREAS, In June of 1992, the world's leaders will gather in Rio de
18 Janeiro, Brazil, for the United Nations Conference on Environment and
19 Development (UNCED, otherwise known as the Earth Summit) to define new
20 and bold steps to achieve solutions to the planet's environmental and
21 economic development problems; and

22 WHEREAS, The Earth Summit will pay special attention to concerns
23 regarding global climate change, toxic waste, diminishing biological
24 diversity, and ocean and freshwater resources;

25 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington state legislature endorses the
26 goals and objectives of the Earth Summit particularly with respect to
27 the creation and adoption of global agreements which will result in
28 policies and mechanisms to protect the global environment and enhance
29 the ability of nations to equitably develop their natural and human
30 resources.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
2 President of the United States join his counterparts from around the
3 world at the Earth Summit, and instruct United States negotiators to
4 work with other national delegations in crafting an international
5 protocol on global climate change that would reduce this nation's
6 emissions of CO by twenty percent by the year 2000, and thus
7 reestablish the United States' role as a leader in managing the
8 planet's resources for present and future generations.

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