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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, The 1953 Federal Submerged Land Acts grant states control
9 of coastal submerged lands; and

10 WHEREAS, The coastal states have increasing environmental and
11 resource concerns within their territorial waters; and

12 WHEREAS, Events taking place beyond the present three-mile
13 territorial limits may have profound and at times damaging impact on
14 the coasts of the coastal states; and

1 WHEREAS, State governance of coastal ocean beyond the present
2 three-mile limit would be beneficial to the United States by creating
3 additional enforcement capabilities; and

4 WHEREAS, Any future income derived from that governance would add
5 to the economic base of the coastal states; and

6 WHEREAS, The Magnuson Act maintains control of all living resources
7 beyond three miles and there is a need for control of submerged
8 resources to an equal distance; and

9 WHEREAS, Such a change would truly extend our national territory to
10 twelve miles off our nation's shoreline;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
12 President of the United States and the United States Congress, in order
13 to protect the resources of the United States, the coastal states, and
14 the State of Washington, enact legislation to extend the coastal
15 states' seaward boundaries off their coasts from three miles to twelve
16 miles.

17 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
18 transmitted to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United
19 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
20 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
21 Washington.