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By Senators Talmadge, Conner, Metcalf, Thorsness, McMullen, Oke and Craswell.

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1            TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND  
2 TO THE HONORABLE BOOTH GARDNER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON,  
3 AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
4 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE:

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, The strait of Juan de Fuca is an international waterway  
10 and represents an international resource; and

11            WHEREAS, This resource is threatened by the dumping of raw sewage  
12 carrying toxic chemicals and heavy metals; and

13            WHEREAS, Victoria, British Columbia, maintains a waste management  
14 policy that permits the dumping of raw sewage into the strait from  
15 municipalities totaling two hundred thirty thousand residents; and

16            WHEREAS, Washington cities south of the border are implementing  
17 secondary sewage treatment systems costing millions of dollars; and

1       WHEREAS, Secondary treatment makes good ecological sense and helps  
2 to ensure good public health; and

3       WHEREAS, The international joint commission operating under the  
4 boundary waters treaty of 1909, advises Canada and the United States on  
5 boundary water disputes;

6       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the United  
7 States state department make an appeal to the department of external  
8 affairs of Canada to join in a cooperative effort to protect the strait  
9 of Juan de Fuca, and to begin the necessary steps to cease the dumping  
10 of raw sewage into the strait. We further call on the state department  
11 to request the international joint commission investigate the problem  
12 in accordance with the boundary waters treaty.

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