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By Senators Conner, Owen and Bauer.

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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, Military action, social unrest, and economic instability
9 in the Middle East could seriously disrupt the supply of oil to the
10 United States; and

11 WHEREAS, Oil is a major source of energy in our nation; and

12 WHEREAS, Since the onset of the Industrial Revolution, energy has
13 been the lifeblood of economic activity and growth; and

14 WHEREAS, Continued economic development in an increasingly
15 competitive world marketplace requires affordable and reliable supplies
16 of energy resources; and

1 WHEREAS, Energy imports account for approximately one-fourth of the
2 national balance of trade deficit; and

3 WHEREAS, Our nation's high levels of fossil fuel consumption have
4 created ozone and carbon monoxide hazards that choke our cities and
5 acid rain that destroys forestry and fisheries resources; and

6 WHEREAS, Existing patterns of energy use may be creating a climatic
7 "greenhouse effect" that could dramatically reduce agricultural
8 productivity; and

9 WHEREAS, Our nation is blessed with abundant domestic energy
10 resources and technology, including coal, gas, oil, and uranium
11 supplies and renewable resources that can meet our needs and reduce our
12 reliance on imports;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
14 President of the United States and the United States Congress, to
15 ensure a stable, economic, and environmentally beneficial supply of
16 domestic energy resources, direct the development of a comprehensive
17 national energy policy that examines the costs and benefits of all
18 resource alternatives to best promote and encourage the development of
19 domestic clean energy supplies and increased energy efficiency.

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