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1 TO THE HONORABLE BILL CLINTON, 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, Housing is a basic need in a civilized country, and it is
9 incumbent upon government to recognize housing as a fundamental right;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The number of homeless individuals and families has
12 reached crisis proportions in our cities; and

13 WHEREAS, The federal government has drastically reduced spending
14 for public and assisted housing, while private builders and developers
15 have concentrated on expensive homes geared to bring in the greatest
16 profit; and

17 WHEREAS, The domestic needs of our nation should be of the highest
18 priority; and

19 WHEREAS, Wage earners at or somewhat above minimum wage levels
20 cannot afford decent housing; and

1 WHEREAS, The reduction in international tensions allows greater
2 transfers of funds from military to domestic spending; and

3 WHEREAS, Temporary shelters offer only minimum relief for the long-
4 term problem of homelessness; and

5 WHEREAS, Homelessness is spreading even among homeowners who are
6 unable to meet tax demands and maintenance costs when their income is
7 reduced or cut off;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that Congress
9 recognize affordable, permanent, habitable housing as a human right and
10 that Congress and the executive branch of government give budget
11 priority to domestic needs, restore the cuts in housing programs of the
12 past thirteen years, and move beyond that by appropriating moneys
13 needed to ensure that affordable, permanent, and habitable housing is
14 in reach of every person.

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

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