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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, AND TO SECRETARY MIKE ESPY,
5 SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE:

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 State of Washington has since February of 1991,
10 operated a Rural Development Council, as a means to identify,
11 communicate, and act upon new means of protecting and enhancing the
12 viability and self reliance of rural Washington communities; and

13 WHEREAS, Voluntary and meaningful communication among all levels of
14 government, including tribal governments and the nonprofit and private
15 sectors is critical for the representation of the needs and interests
16 of rural residents; and

17 WHEREAS, It is also of critical importance to the integrity of the
18 entire state to identify ways that urban and rural economies of
19 Washington can function to complement each other and reinforce the
20 quality of life available to residents; and

1 WHEREAS, The Council is a partnership between state, federal, local
2 government, tribal government, and the nonprofit and private sectors,
3 and is organized to meet the needs of all members of the partnership in
4 a mutual effort to mitigate negative impacts upon rural communities,
5 enhance their viability and self reliance, and look for ways to
6 coordinate, synchronize, or consolidate the efforts of all who serve
7 rural communities and citizens; and

8 WHEREAS, The objectives of the Council are consistent with the
9 Council's mission and honor the perspectives of the partnership in
10 their mutual undertaking of the following:

11 (1) To provide a forum for policy analysis concerning existing and
12 proposed rural development strategies in Washington;

13 (2) To promote coordination and cooperation between all levels of
14 government and private, public, and nonprofit groups in order to
15 promote rural economic vitality;

16 (3) To facilitate communication between rural communities and
17 organizations and other sectors of the state and nation;

18 (4) To promote the establishment of rural-urban partnerships that
19 will be mutually beneficial to both areas in alleviating the distress
20 of rapid economic growth or decline and promoting economic vitality;

21 (5) To identify and address federal, state, and local
22 administrative barriers that hinder economic vitality;

23 (6) To identify and provide opportunities to educate and inform
24 state, federal, and local policy and program staff as to the needs and
25 special development context of rural Washington; and

26 (7) To identify ways to promote educational opportunities for
27 citizens in rural communities; and

28 WHEREAS, In acknowledgement and recognition of these efforts all
29 agencies and branches of state government that operate programs in
30 rural areas of the state are being encouraged to participate actively
31 in the activities of the Council;

32 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray and openly
33 solicit the continued partnership between federal agencies and the
34 Washington State Rural Development Council, and encourage the continued
35 substantive participation and fiscal support by Washington State
36 agencies and branches of state government, so as to further the
37 significant accomplishments brought about in our state through the
38 efforts of the leadership and members of the Washington State Rural
39 Development Council.

1 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
2 transmitted to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United
3 States, Secretary Mike Espy, Secretary of the United State Department
4 of Agriculture, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker
5 of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the
6 State of Washington.

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