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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,
5 SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CHAIRMAN
6 OF THE ECONOMIC POLICY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT:

7 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
8 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
9 represent and petition as follows:

10 WHEREAS, The State of Washington was selected to be a pilot state
11 under the President's Initiative on Rural Development; and

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

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

20 WHEREAS, The Washington State Rural Development Council has been in
21 operation since February 1991, through the voluntary support of state,

1 federal, tribal, and local governments, and private business and
2 citizens; and

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

10 WHEREAS, The Council's mission has been determined by public forum
11 to be: According to locally conceived and driven strategies,
12 coordinate and apply private, local, state, tribal, and federal
13 resources to support the development of viable, self-reliant rural
14 communities; and

15 WHEREAS, The Council has been a productive catalyst in focusing
16 attention on the needs and opportunities facing rural communities; and

17 WHEREAS, In acknowledgement and recognition of these efforts all
18 agencies and branches of state government that operate programs in
19 rural areas of the state are being encouraged to participate actively
20 in the activities of the Council; and

21 WHEREAS, Your Memorialists send their appreciation for being
22 included as a pilot state in the President's Initiative on Rural
23 America, and do hereby attest to the significant accomplishments
24 brought about in Washington state through the efforts of the leadership
25 and members of the Washington State Rural Development Council;

26 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that Congress
27 establish the program on an ongoing basis and provide other states the
28 opportunity to participate in efforts to enhance the economic vitality
29 of rural America.

30 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
31 transmitted to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United
32 States, Secretary, Secretary of the United States
33 Department of Agriculture and Chairman of the Economic Policy Council
34 Working Group on Rural Development, the President of the United States
35 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each member
36 of Congress from the State of Washington.

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