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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 THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED
5 STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY:

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 Fast Flux Test Facility (FFTF) at Hanford is the
10 newest, largest, safest and most versatile test reactor in the nation;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The FFTF is a unique national asset, and as the most
13 advanced research and development facility of its kind is invaluable to
14 the international technical community; and

15 WHEREAS, Because of its size and versatility the FFTF can support
16 multiple missions simultaneously; and

17 WHEREAS, A marketing study commissioned by former Governor Gardner
18 and completed in March 1992, shows significant international and
19 domestic support for continued operation of the FFTF; and

20 WHEREAS, The United States Congress in the National Energy Security
21 Act of 1992 directed the United States Department of Energy to

1 aggressively pursue development and implementation of long-term
2 missions for the FFTF; and

3 WHEREAS, Similarly the Congress has appropriated seventy million
4 dollars for the continued operation of the FFTF during federal fiscal
5 year 1993; and

6 WHEREAS, The FFTF has set world performance records for reactors;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The FFTF can produce life-saving medical isotopes,
9 including pain-relieving isotopes for sufferers of bone cancer, and
10 many of these isotopes are now imported; and

11 WHEREAS, The FFTF can be used to destroy plutonium in nuclear
12 weapons, leading to a safer world; and

13 WHEREAS, There is a great need for Plutonium-238 to power space
14 probes during the next century and the FFTF can provide this material;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, A potential exists for generating commercial electrical
17 power from the FFTF; and

18 WHEREAS, Foreign interests and foreign governments have expressed
19 interest and have pledged financial support for the FFTF conditioned
20 upon a long-term United States Department of Energy commitment to the
21 operation of the FFTF;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the FFTF
23 be given adequate financial and political support by the United States
24 Department of Energy so as to be given a long-term mission that meets
25 the potential needs of the nation and the world in the areas of
26 medicine, power, science, and world peace.

27 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
28 transmitted to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United
29 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
30 House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States Department
31 of Energy, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

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