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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, Nonnative noxious weeds pose a substantial and significant  
9 threat to the economic welfare of the citizens of the state of  
10 Washington in that noxious weeds are detrimental or destructive of  
11 crops, fruit, trees, shrubs, valuable plants, forage, other  
12 cultivation, and agricultural plants or produce; and

13 WHEREAS, In recognition of the substantial threat to economic  
14 welfare, the state of Washington has mandated the control and  
15 eradication of nonnative noxious weeds on all privately held and state-  
16 held lands, which has up to this time been effectively managed by the  
17 state of Washington; and

18 WHEREAS, Nonnative noxious weeds continue to proliferate and  
19 burgeon on lands that are the property of the United States of America,  
20 or under the control of the United States; and

1       WHEREAS, The failure of the federal government of the United States  
2 to control or eradicate nonnative noxious weeds poses a substantial and  
3 significant threat to the economic welfare of the citizens of the state  
4 of Washington in that these weeds are detrimental or destructive of  
5 crops, fruits, trees, shrubs, valuable plants, forage, other  
6 cultivation, and agricultural plants or produce; and

7       WHEREAS, This nonfeasance and malfeasance of the federal  
8 government, committed by and through the principal instrumentality of  
9 the United States Forest Service, is in direct violation of federal law  
10 and regulation; namely, the Carlson-Foley Act and Federal Noxious Weed  
11 Act; and

12       WHEREAS, The previously mentioned unrestrained propagation and  
13 exponential reproduction of nonnative noxious weeds is an exigent  
14 economic and agricultural peril; and

15       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that Congress  
16 recognize the enormous threat to the economic and agricultural welfare  
17 of the state of Washington, caused by the failure of the federal  
18 government to control or eradicate the agricultural and economic  
19 menacing nonnative noxious weeds, within the borders of the state of  
20 Washington and upon property of the United States of America or  
21 property under control of the United States, and as such, immediately  
22 direct all federal instrumentalities and agencies managing or  
23 controlling this property to comply with all relevant laws and  
24 regulations regarding control or eradication of nonnative noxious weeds  
25 in the state of Washington; and

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

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