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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, In November 1989, the United Nations adopted the
9 "Convention on the Rights of the Child"; and

10 WHEREAS, In February 1995, the United States Permanent
11 Representative to the United Nations signed such Convention with the
12 present intention by the President of the United States to submit such
13 Convention to the United States Senate for ratification and adoption;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Such Convention unequivocally abrogates and unmistakably
16 usurps inalienable and manifest parental rights and prerogatives;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Such Convention is damaging to inalienable parental rights
19 inasmuch as it would divest from parents the judgment and discretion
20 over their children's health care decisions by allowing children to
21 unilaterally and independently make all medical decisions and be

1 provided health care at government cost without parental knowledge or
2 consent; and

3 WHEREAS, Such Convention cripples inalienable parental rights
4 inasmuch as it would divest parents of the ability to educate,
5 instruct, or even guide their children in religious teachings or
6 affiliations of their determination or choice and would replace
7 parental best judgment with the child's judgment; and

8 WHEREAS, Such Convention incapacitates inalienable parental rights
9 inasmuch as it wrongly vests in children an exclusive and inviolate
10 right of privacy to be exercised against all others including parents;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Such Convention is destructive of inalienable parental
13 rights inasmuch as it would require parents to implement childhood
14 developmental standards, physical, mental, moral, spiritual, and
15 social, that would be set by the government thereby giving an
16 unfettered imprimatur to civil service bureaucrats the discretion to
17 determine and regulate the fundamental values of family life; and

18 WHEREAS, Such Convention is pernicious of inalienable parental
19 rights inasmuch as it would create a civil service bureaucracy for
20 identification, reporting, referral, investigation, treatment, and
21 prosecution of any individual, especially parents, who allegedly
22 violate such Convention created rights;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that Congress
24 assembled recognize that United States Senate adoption of the
25 Convention on the Rights of the Child would unequivocally and
26 unmistakably abrogate and usurp inalienable parental rights and
27 prerogatives for all the reasons stated in this Memorial and that,
28 inasmuch as such Convention is damaging, crippling, incapacitating,
29 destructive, and pernicious to these inalienable rights, the Senate of
30 the United States reject its adoption.

31 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
32 transmitted to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United
33 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
34 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
35 Washington.

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