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1 TO THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
2 STATES, AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE  
3 OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
4 THE 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, More than ninety percent of the reactor-produced medical  
9 isotopes currently used in the United States are imported; and

10 WHEREAS, The Hanford Fast Flux Test Facility is capable of  
11 providing a wide variety of high quality medical isotopes for  
12 diagnosing and treating cancer, and relieving pain caused by cancer,  
13 and in 1986 produced the purest form ever made of gadolinium-153, an  
14 isotope used to diagnose osteoporosis; and

15 WHEREAS, The Hanford Fast Flux Test Facility could also produce  
16 isotopes for agricultural, industrial, and business applications; and

17 WHEREAS, Opportunities for research and clinical trials with  
18 isotopes are severely limited; and

19 WHEREAS, A private business group has presented a formal offer to  
20 the United States Department of Energy to operate the Hanford Fast Flux

1 Test Facility at a cost less than the cost to shut down the Facility;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The Hanford Fast Flux Test Facility is an irreplaceable  
4 national asset given the current regulatory climate and construction  
5 costs;

6 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully call on the President  
7 of the United States and Congress to ensure the restart and continued  
8 operation of the Hanford Fast Flux Test Facility, and preservation of  
9 this valuable national asset.

10 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
11 transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the  
12 United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker  
13 of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the  
14 State of Washington.

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