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By Senators Cantu, Snyder and Spanel

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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, The Pacific Northwest Region comprising of Washington,
9 Alaska, British Columbia, Alberta, Montana, Idaho, and Oregon contains
10 numerous border crossings between the United States and Canada; and

11 WHEREAS, Cultural, social, and economic exchanges between the
12 citizens, organizations, and businesses of the region have historically
13 been and continue to be an integral part of the regions economic and
14 cultural development; and

15 WHEREAS, The historically close and constant ties between the two
16 countries of Canada and the United States have been forged and
17 maintained by continuous cultural exchanges ranging from fraternities,
18 social, sports, and business clubs to name but a few; and

19 WHEREAS, The rapid changes in global affairs require countries to
20 renew and enhance their ties with neighboring states and countries; and

1 WHEREAS, Millions of individuals cross the borders of the Pacific
2 Northwest per annum including numerous tourists expending billions of
3 dollars in the United States and Canada; and

4 WHEREAS, A border crossing fee as proposed by current federal
5 legislation would adversely impact both the economy, culture, and
6 quality of life for many of the regions' citizens;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully request that the
8 United States Congress reject any proposal that would levy a fee on any
9 individuals crossing the borders of the United States.

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, each member of Congress from the State
14 of Washington, Oregon, Montana, and Idaho, and the Secretary of the
15 United States Customs and Immigration Department.

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