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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, AND TO THE HONORABLE PATTY
5 MURRAY, UNITED STATES SENATOR, AND TO THE HONORABLE LINDA SMITH, UNITED
6 STATES REPRESENTATIVE, AND TO JOHN SEFFRIN OF THE AMERICAN CANCER
7 SOCIETY NATIONAL HOME OFFICE, AND TO SHERRY BAILEY OF THE AMERICAN
8 CANCER SOCIETY NATIONAL HOME OFFICE, AND TO FRAN VISCO OF THE NATIONAL
9 BREAST CANCER COALITION, AND TO WILLIE STEWART, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
10 OF DIRECTORS, WESTERN PACIFIC DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY,
11 AND TO ANN MARIE POMERINKE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WESTERN PACIFIC
12 DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, AND TO THERESA MILLER OF THE
13 BREAST CANCER TASK FORCE OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC DIVISION OF THE
14 AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, AND TO DEB SCHIRO OF THE DIVISION OFFICE OF
15 THE WESTERN PACIFIC DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY:

16 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
17 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
18 represent and petition as follows:

19 WHEREAS, More than three thousand eight hundred women in Washington
20 will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year; and

1 WHEREAS, Nearly one thousand women in Washington lost their lives
2 to breast cancer in 1996; and

3 WHEREAS, Women who die from breast cancer lose an average of twenty
4 years of their life; and

5 WHEREAS, Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death
6 in women; and

7 WHEREAS, The medical treatment costs of breast cancer nation-wide
8 total over six billion dollars annually; and

9 WHEREAS, Underfunded research into the causes of breast cancer have
10 not yet determined a cause, prevention, or cure for the disease; and

11 WHEREAS, Research into the cause and cure for all cancers totals
12 only one-tenth of one percent of the federal budget; and

13 WHEREAS, The Senate and House of Representatives of the State of
14 Washington honor and support the American Cancer Society's "Campaign
15 2.6" signature drive;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
17 President of the United States and members of the United States
18 Congress recommit to eradicating breast cancer by investing two billion
19 six million dollars in breast cancer research between now and January
20 1, 2000, and mandate that cancer activists be among those who decide
21 how that money is appropriated.

22 BE IT RESOLVED, That Copies of the Memorial be immediately
23 transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the
24 United States; the Honorable Patty Murray, United States Senator; the
25 Honorable Linda Smith, United States Representative; John Seffrin of
26 the American Cancer Society National Home Office; Sherry Bailey of the
27 American Cancer Society National Home Office; Fran Visco of the
28 National Breast Cancer Coalition; Willie Stewart, Chairman of the Board
29 of Directors, Western Pacific Division of the American Cancer Society;
30 Ann Marie Pomerinke, Chief Executive Officer, Western Pacific Division
31 of the American Cancer Society; Theresa Miller of the Breast Cancer
32 Task Force of the Western Pacific Division of the American Cancer
33 Society; Deb Schiro of the division office of the Western Pacific
34 Division of the American Cancer Society; the President of the United
35 States Senate; the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each
36 member of Congress from the State of Washington.

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