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**By** Senators Loveland, Rasmussen, Prentice, Snyder, B. Sheldon, McAuliffe, Fairley, Brown, T. Sheldon, Goings, Hargrove, Spanel, Kohl, Fraser, Heavey, Kline, Haugen, Franklin, Wojahn, Jacobsen, Bauer, Thibaudeau, Patterson and Schow

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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 Bonneville Power Administration was initially created  
9 to provide low-cost power to rural areas, a tradition that it maintains  
10 today; and

11 WHEREAS, The Pacific Northwest enjoys low electricity rates, thanks  
12 largely to the Bonneville Power Administration; and

13 WHEREAS, Those rates would be seriously jeopardized by the sale of  
14 the Bonneville Power Administration; and

15 WHEREAS, The sale of the Bonneville Power Administration would  
16 threaten the long-standing relationship the Bonneville Power  
17 Administration has established with the Northwest's public utility  
18 districts and rural electric associations; and

19 WHEREAS, The Bonneville Power Administration currently contributes  
20 a portion of its revenue to salmon restoration, and there is no

1 guarantee those funds would be available if the Bonneville Power  
2 Administration is sold;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
4 President and Congress agree not to sell the Bonneville Power  
5 Administration and rather to allow it to continue fulfilling its  
6 mission of providing low-cost power to the Pacific Northwest.

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

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