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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 Columbia and Snake River dams supply a significant
9 portion of the electrical power for the Pacific Northwest; and

10 WHEREAS, Proposals are being advanced for the federal government to
11 breach dams, but data on the effectiveness of this strategy is
12 incomplete and inconclusive; and

13 WHEREAS, In the 1950's, the federal government pledged to provide
14 the funding and engineering to construct fish bypass elements around
15 these dams; and

16 WHEREAS, Breaching the dams would have a devastating effect on the
17 economies of river-dependent cities and ports; and

18 WHEREAS, Restoring wild salmon runs will require a long-term,
19 comprehensive approach by all interested parties;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
21 President and Congress reject any proposals that seek to breach the

1 dams on the Columbia or Snake Rivers; and request that Congress follow
2 through on its commitments made in the 1950's in regard to providing
3 funding for effective passageways around the dams for fish.

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

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