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1 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
2 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
3 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

4 We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and the Senate  
5 of the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled,  
6 respectfully represent and petition as follows:

7 WHEREAS, The United Nations has promoted a Biosphere Program  
8 throughout the world; and

9 WHEREAS, The United Nations Cultural, Educational, and Scientific  
10 Organization, UNESCO, has created a worldwide system of three hundred  
11 twenty-eight Biosphere Reserves in eighty-two nations; and

12 WHEREAS, Forty-seven United Nations-designated Biosphere Reserves  
13 are within the sovereign borders of the United States, and one United  
14 Nations-designated Biosphere Reserve is within the State of Washington;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Neither the Washington State Legislature nor the Congress  
17 of the United States has considered, debated, or approved such  
18 designations; and

19 WHEREAS, The Olympic National Park has already been designated as  
20 a Biosphere Reserve; and

1       WHEREAS, None of the current area included within the Biosphere  
2 Program in the State of Washington has been included at the request of  
3 or with the consent of the Washington State Legislature; and

4       WHEREAS, The Washington State Legislature does not believe that a  
5 request from the National Park Service should be adequate to nominate  
6 land in the State of Washington as a Biosphere Reserve;

7       NOW, THEREFORE, The Washington State Legislature is unalterably  
8 opposed to the inclusion of any land within the borders of the state  
9 within the purview of the Biodiversity Treaty or any biodiversity  
10 program without the express consent of the Washington State  
11 Legislature, as provided by the United States Constitution and the  
12 Washington State Constitution.

13       BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Legislature urge the  
14 members of the Congress of the United States, and especially the  
15 Washington delegation to the Congress of the United States, to oppose  
16 inclusion of any land within the State of Washington in any Biosphere  
17 Program of the United Nations without the express consent of the  
18 Washington State Legislature in the form of enacted legislation; and

19       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
20 transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker  
21 of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the  
22 State of Washington.

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