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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 ADMINISTRATOR OF
5 THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY:

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

9 WHEREAS, The governments of the United States of America and Canada
10 have independently developed extensive registration and regulatory
11 programs for pesticides under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and
12 Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. Sec. 136 et seq.) and the Pest Control
13 Products Act (R.S.C., ch. P-9) under which products with substantially
14 similar ingredients have been registered in both countries; and

15 WHEREAS, Under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the
16 governments of the United States of America, Canada, and the United
17 Mexican States formed a technical working group in 1996 regarding
18 pesticides; and

19 WHEREAS, The objective of that technical working group is to
20 develop a coordinated regulatory framework for pesticides among the
21 NAFTA trading partners; and

1 WHEREAS, Among the issues the technical working group is charged
2 with addressing are building national regulatory and scientific
3 capacity, sharing the review burden, and coordinating scientific and
4 regulatory decision making; and

5 WHEREAS, Greater consistency in regulatory policies as well as
6 efficiencies in providing research and information for decision making
7 and efficiencies in marketing registered products would result from
8 such a coordinated approach to regulating pesticides; and

9 WHEREAS, A renewed commitment and dedication of national resources
10 to these objectives of the technical working group is needed and, as a
11 minimum, first steps toward achieving the objectives of the technical
12 working group should be taken that are based on the similarities in the
13 registration programs of Canada and the United States of America;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that Congress
15 and the executive branch of the United States of America firmly commit
16 the government of this nation and its administrative and technical
17 resources to pursuing:

18 (1) The objectives of the technical working group established under
19 the NAFTA to encourage pesticide product design with a North American
20 market in mind, develop common data submission and format requirements
21 for each of the NAFTA countries for their data review requirements,
22 establish a coordinated review process in which the data reviews of
23 each of the countries is used to the fullest, and minimize the trade
24 problems resulting from differences in pesticide residue limits among
25 the three countries; and

26 (2) As first steps in this direction: (a) A sharing of use
27 tolerance data obtained in Canada and this country particularly with
28 regard to processing special local needs exemptions in this country;
29 and (b) an agreement that allows the use of pesticides registered in
30 this country and pest control products registered in Canada that have
31 substantially similar ingredients to be used in both countries and, in
32 the interim, a process for registering pesticides and pest control
33 products in one country that are already registered in the other
34 country.

35 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
36 transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the
37 United States, the Administrator of the United States Environmental
38 Protection Agency, the President of the United States Senate, the

1 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress
2 from the State of Washington.

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