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Government.

1 TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
2 AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 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 issues between Iraq and the world community have not
9 proven to be irresoluble by traditional diplomatic efforts; and

10 WHEREAS, No evidence has been presented that Iraq poses an imminent
11 threat to the security of the United States or the safety of its
12 citizens; and

13 WHEREAS, Hastily implemented unilateral United States military
14 actions would risk the deaths of thousands of Iraqi civilians without
15 guaranteeing the safety and security of United States citizens, nor
16 would such unilateral actions guarantee the installation of a free and
17 democratic Iraqi government; and

18 WHEREAS, A preemptive United States military attack would violate
19 international law and our commitments under the United Nations Charter
20 and further isolate the United States from the rest of the world; and

1 WHEREAS, The massive sums of tax dollars required for a United
2 States-led war in Iraq would be far better spent addressing crisis
3 conditions in Washington and other states, would purloin billions of
4 dollars from the United States economy, compromise our current action
5 in Afghanistan, and require years of nation-building activities in
6 Iraq; and

7 WHEREAS, The Bush administration has failed to articulate a clear
8 strategic objective or outcome of a military attack against Iraq, and
9 such an attack fails to enjoy the support of many of our important
10 allies; and

11 WHEREAS, The members of the Washington State Legislature oppose a
12 preemptive United States military attack on Iraq unless it is
13 demonstrated that Iraq poses a real and imminent threat to the security
14 and safety of the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, The members of the Washington State Legislature support a
16 return of United Nations weapons inspectors to Iraq, enhanced by
17 sufficient police support to guarantee unfettered access to all
18 targeted sites;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully urge the United
20 States to work through the United Nations Security Council and reaffirm
21 our nation's commitment to the rule of law in all international
22 relationships.

23 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
24 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
25 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
26 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
27 Washington.

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