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1 TO THE HONORABLE PATTY MURRAY, THE HONORABLE MARIA CANTWELL, THE
2 HONORABLE JAY INSLEE, THE HONORABLE RICK LARSEN, THE HONORABLE BRIAN
3 BAIRD, THE HONORABLE RICHARD "DOC" HASTINGS, THE HONORABLE GEORGE
4 NETHERCUTT, THE HONORABLE NORM DICKS, THE HONORABLE JIM MCDERMOTT, THE
5 HONORABLE JENNIFER DUNN, AND THE HONORABLE ADAM SMITH:

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, In the immortal words of former President Franklin Delano
10 Roosevelt, "When you see a rattlesnake poised to strike, you do not
11 wait until he has struck before you crush him"; and

12 WHEREAS, The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, showed that
13 new deadly challenges have emerged from rogue states and terrorists;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction has
16 fundamentally changed the nature of threats against the United States
17 and our allies; and

18 WHEREAS, A coordinated chemical, biological, or nuclear attack
19 against the United States or our allies will cost the lives of millions

1 of innocent Americans and other individuals, as well as cause
2 immeasurable damage to the United States and world economy; and

3 WHEREAS, The United States cannot wait patiently and allow radical
4 regimes that support terrorism to acquire or manufacture illegal
5 Weapons of Mass Destruction and pass them onto terrorist organizations;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, If the United States does not meet this terrorist threat
8 in the streets of Baghdad and Kandahar, Americans will be forced to
9 fight them in Boston and Kansas City; and

10 WHEREAS, President Bush has correctly stated that the United States
11 has the right to defend the United States or our allies if the world
12 community refuses to enforce the rule of law to deter or remove future
13 threats from tyrannical regimes and the proliferation of Weapons of
14 Mass Destruction;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that our
16 members of Congress support President Bush and his efforts to keep the
17 United States and our allies safe from terrorists, dangerous
18 authoritarian regimes, and Weapons of Mass Destruction.

19 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
20 transmitted to each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

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