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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 manufacture, transportation, and distribution of
9 illegal drugs, such as methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, ecstasy,
10 marijuana, and other illegal drugs, both within this nation and
11 covertly imported from beyond our borders, has reached epidemic
12 proportions; and

13 WHEREAS, The manufacture, transportation, and distribution of
14 illegal drugs, such as methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, ecstasy,
15 marijuana, and other illegal drugs, both within this nation and
16 covertly imported from beyond our borders, has frequently overwhelmed
17 state and local law enforcement agencies ill-equipped and limited in
18 their abilities to effectively combat these insidious products; and

19 WHEREAS, The manufacture, transportation, and distribution of
20 illegal drugs, such as methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, ecstasy,

1 marijuana, and other illegal drugs, represent a direct threat to the
2 security of communities, families, and individuals across this land;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The use of illegal drugs, such as methamphetamine,
5 cocaine, heroin, ecstasy, marijuana, and other illegal drugs, continues
6 to increase at an alarming rate, with a corresponding increase in the
7 destruction of communities, families, and individuals and a
8 skyrocketing increase in crime, such as identity theft and auto theft;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The Department of Homeland Security has been tasked to
11 provide the unifying core for the vast national network of
12 organizations and institutions involved in protecting our nation and to
13 ensure the security of the United States from nuclear, biological,
14 chemical, and border incursion; and

15 WHEREAS, The Department of Homeland Security, the National Strategy
16 for Homeland Security, and the Homeland Security Act of 2002 has served
17 to mobilize and organize our nation to better secure our homeland from
18 outside attacks, an exceedingly complex mission that requires a focused
19 effort from our entire society if we are to be successful; and

20 WHEREAS, The Department of Homeland Security has adopted an agenda
21 to ensure that the Department's policies, operations, and structures
22 are aligned in the best way to address the potential threats--both
23 present and future--that face our nation, including increasing overall
24 preparedness, creating better transportation security systems,
25 strengthening border security, interior enforcement, and reform
26 immigration processes, enhancing information sharing, improving
27 financial management, human resource development, procurement, and
28 information technology, and realigning the organization to maximize
29 mission performance; and

30 WHEREAS, The Department of Homeland Security has adopted the
31 following:

32 Vision: Preserving our freedoms, protecting America ... we secure
33 our homeland.

34 Mission: We will lead the unified national effort to secure
35 America. We will prevent and deter terrorist attacks and protect
36 against and respond to threats and hazards to the nation. We will
37 ensure safe and secure borders, welcome lawful immigrants and visitors,
38 and promote the free flow of commerce.

1 Strategic Goals: Awareness--Identify and understand threats,
2 assess vulnerabilities, determine potential impacts, and disseminate
3 timely information to our homeland security partners and the American
4 public.

5 Prevention--Detect, deter, and mitigate threats to our homeland.

6 Protection--Safeguard our people and their freedoms, critical
7 infrastructure, property, and the economy of our Nation from acts of
8 terrorism, natural disasters, or other emergencies.

9 Response--Lead, manage, and coordinate the national response to
10 acts of terrorism, natural disasters, or other emergencies.

11 Recovery--Lead national, state, local, and private sector efforts
12 to restore services and rebuild communities after acts of terrorism,
13 natural disasters, or other emergencies.

14 Service--Serve the public effectively by facilitating lawful trade,
15 travel, and immigration.

16 Organizational Excellence--Value our most important resource, our
17 people. Create a culture that promotes a common identity, innovation,
18 mutual respect, accountability, and teamwork to achieve efficiencies,
19 effectiveness, and operational synergies; and

20 WHEREAS, The Department of Homeland Security is, therefore,
21 uniquely positioned and capable of investigating, interdicting, and
22 significantly impacting the transportation, manufacture, and
23 distribution of illegal drugs, such as methamphetamine, cocaine,
24 heroin, ecstasy, marijuana, and other illegal drugs, and the materials
25 necessary for the manufacture of such drugs, in order to defend our
26 society, our communities, our families, and individuals from the
27 terrors of drug use and addictions being imposed by those who
28 transport, manufacture, and distribute them from within and without our
29 nation;

30 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
31 President and Congress of the United States adopt and implement all
32 necessary legislation and authority to add to the mission of the
33 Department of Homeland Security the charge of combating all forms of
34 the manufacture, transportation, and distribution of illegal drugs.

35 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
36 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
37 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the

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

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