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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8010

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8010** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development  
(originally sponsored by Senators Rasmussen, Schoesler, Sheldon,  
Franklin, Roach, Spanel, Deccio, McAuliffe, Shin, Haugen, Prentice,  
Fairley, Rockefeller, Mulliken and Morton)

READ FIRST TIME 02/10/05.

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, AND TO THE SECRETARY OF  
5            AGRICULTURE, MIKE JOHANNIS:

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, On January 4, 2005, the United States Department of  
10            Agriculture proposed a rule to reopen on March 7, 2005, the United  
11            States border to the importation of Canadian live cattle and processed  
12            beef products; and

13            WHEREAS, On January 11, 2005, Canada announced that yet another cow  
14            in Alberta tested positive for bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE);  
15            and

16            WHEREAS, The United States Department of Agriculture has dispatched  
17            a technical team to Canada to investigate the circumstances that  
18            resulted in this additional infection including effective enforcement  
19            by Canada of the 1997 ruminant-to-ruminant feed ban; and

1           WHEREAS, The only incident in the United States where a cow tested  
2 positive with BSE was on December 23, 2003, and that animal originated  
3 in Canada and unfortunately was shipped into Washington State; and

4           WHEREAS, The severe ramifications caused by this single animal was  
5 the closure by many foreign markets to beef produced within the United  
6 States; and

7           WHEREAS, Although progress has been made in reestablishing trust  
8 with our Asian trading partners, many of these bans to the import of  
9 beef from the United States continue in effect thirteen months after  
10 this single incident; and

11           WHEREAS, Even though the United States has commenced a major BSE  
12 testing program and no cattle indigenous to the United States have been  
13 detected to have BSE, once these foreign markets are closed, they have  
14 remained closed for prolonged periods of time; and

15           WHEREAS, Consumers in the United States continue to have confidence  
16 in beef produced in the United States and maintaining the safety of  
17 food supplies is the paramount concern to state and federal  
18 governmental officials; and

19           WHEREAS, Reestablishing trust with our trading partners and  
20 reopening export markets is of paramount importance to the American  
21 beef industry; and

22           WHEREAS, On February 25, 2005, the United States Department of  
23 Agriculture announced the results of the "science-based" decision to  
24 adopt the rule to lift the ban on importation of Canadian beef, for  
25 which a temporary injunction was immediately issued against the United  
26 States Department of Agriculture decision by a federal district court  
27 on February 28, 2005, and for which the United States Senate approved  
28 on March 3, 2005, Senate Joint Resolution 4 to nullify the United  
29 States Department of Agriculture rule;

30           NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the United  
31 States Department of Agriculture: (1) Reaffirm to the Congress and the  
32 courts that the rule to lift the limited ban on importation of Canadian  
33 beef is based on sound scientific proof that consumer safety and animal  
34 health in the United States will be maintained; and (2) redouble its  
35 efforts to swiftly and successfully conclude negotiations with our  
36 trading partners to reestablish critical export markets for United  
37 States beef based on the same sound science.

1       BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
2 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United  
3 States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture,  
4 Mike Johanns, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of  
5 the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the  
6 State of Washington.

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