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1 TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
2 AND TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AND TO THE
3 DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION:

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

7 WHEREAS, The World Health Organization (WHO) is the United Nations'
8 specialized agency for health; and

9 WHEREAS, The World Health Organization (WHO) was established on
10 April 7, 1948; and

11 WHEREAS, The World Health Organization's (WHO) objective, as set
12 out in its Constitution, is the attainment by all peoples of the
13 highest possible level of health; and

14 WHEREAS, Health is defined in the World Health Organization's (WHO)
15 Constitution as a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-
16 being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity; and

17 WHEREAS, The World Health Organization (WHO) is governed by one
18 hundred ninety-three Member States through the World Health Assembly;
19 and

1 WHEREAS, The World Health Assembly is composed of representatives
2 from World Health Organization's (WHO) Member States; and

3 WHEREAS, The main tasks of the World Health Assembly are to approve
4 the World Health Organization's (WHO) program and the budget for the
5 following biennium and to decide major policy questions; and

6 WHEREAS, Exclusion from meaningful participation in the World
7 Health Organization (WHO) endangers the health of the people of any
8 nation because no citizenry that is denied such participation can
9 possibly match the enormous resources, vast technical expertise, and
10 huge store of knowledge that the World Health Organization (WHO)
11 provides; and

12 WHEREAS, Taiwan is a free and peace-loving sovereign state with a
13 democratically elected Government that represents the legitimate
14 interests and wishes of its people; and

15 WHEREAS, Taiwan is currently excluded from participating in the
16 World Health Organization (WHO) and, therefore, the health interests of
17 the twenty-three million people of Taiwan are not being adequately
18 recognized, upheld, and protected by the World Health Organization
19 (WHO); and

20 WHEREAS, It is critical that Taiwan be granted meaningful
21 participation in the World Health Organization (WHO);

22 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully urge that the
23 President of the United States, the Secretary-General of the United
24 Nations, and the Director-General of the World Health Organization
25 support Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization (WHO)
26 as an observer, support Taiwan's full participation in the World Health
27 Organization's (WHO) technical meetings, support Taiwan's partnership
28 in the World Health Organization's (WHO) Global Outbreak Alert and
29 Response Network, and support Taiwan's integration into the
30 International Health Regulations 2005 Mechanism.

31 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
32 transmitted to the President of the United States, the Secretary-
33 General of the United Nations, and the Director-General of the World
34 Health Organization.

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

1 States, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and the Director-
2 General of the World Health Organization.

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