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By Representatives Schmick, Blake, Warnick, and Fagan

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1            TO THE HONORABLE BARACK OBAMA, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND  
2 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 Columbia Basin Project stores and carries water for  
9 irrigation, produces electricity, controls floods, provides recreation,  
10 and regulates streamflow, as well as provides water for cities,  
11 industries, navigation, and endangered species; and

12            WHEREAS, The Columbia Basin Project has successfully distributed  
13 enough irrigation water for approximately 650,000 acres of agricultural  
14 lands between Grand Coulee and the Quad Cities; and

15            WHEREAS, The United States Bureau of Reclamation is studying the  
16 potential for building the second half, or "Phase II," of the Columbia  
17 Basin Project, extending irrigation water into portions of the Odessa  
18 Subarea;

19            NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
20 President and Congress support the vitally important Columbia Basin

1 Project and direct the United States Bureau of Reclamation to continue  
2 its study and implementation of "Phase II" of the Columbia River Basin  
3 Project.

4 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
5 transmitted to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United  
6 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the  
7 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of  
8 Washington.

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