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By Senators Honeyford and Ranker

1 TO THE HONORABLE BARACK OBAMA, 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
4 THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO SALLY JEWELL,
5 SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR:

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

9 WHEREAS, Maintaining a healthy suite of economic, environmental,
10 and social ecosystem services in aquatic systems is integral to the
11 quality of life in the State of Washington; and

12 WHEREAS, Healthy aquatic habitats provide clean drinking water,
13 flood control, transportation, recreation, purification of human and
14 industrial wastes, power generation, habitat for native plants and
15 animals, production of fish and other foods, marketable goods, and
16 cultural benefits; and

17 WHEREAS, Aquatic invasive species, including Dreissenids (quagga
18 mussels (*Dreissena rostriformis bugensis*) and zebra mussels
19 (*Dreissena polymorpha*)), are invasive species that cause irreparable
20 ecological damage to many waters in the United States; and

21 WHEREAS, Dreissenids have not yet been detected in the Pacific
22 Northwest. The estimated annual cost to address established

1 populations of dreissenids in the Pacific Northwest economic region
2 is almost five hundred million dollars annually; and

3 WHEREAS, The Water Resources Reform and Development Act was
4 signed in June 2014. It authorizes twenty million dollars for
5 Columbia River Basin dreissenid efforts through the Secretary of the
6 Army;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully request that
8 Congress expedite appropriation of these funds to significantly
9 enhance monitoring and prevention efforts and to implement the intent
10 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act.

11 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
12 transmitted to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United
13 States, Sally Jewell, Secretary of the Department of the Interior,
14 the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House
15 of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
16 Washington.

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