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By Senators Fortunato and Palumbo

1 TO THE HONORABLE DONALD TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
2 AND ROBERT LIGHTHIZER, UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE:

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

6 WHEREAS, The United States and China are involved in ongoing
7 trade discussions; and

8 WHEREAS, China is one of the world's largest sources of plastic
9 pollution, much of which ends up in the ocean; and

10 WHEREAS, The Yangtze river in China is to blame for more marine
11 plastic pollution than any other river in the world; and

12 WHEREAS, Marine plastic pollution is a threat to the environment,
13 including fish and wildlife; and

14 WHEREAS, The most effective way to stop marine plastic pollution
15 is to focus on the places where the pollution originates;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully ask that you take
17 action pursuant to your authority to require China to prevent marine
18 plastic pollution under any new trade agreement that may arise from
19 your administration's ongoing trade discussions.

1 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
2 transmitted to the Honorable Donald Trump, President of the United
3 States, and the Office of the United States Trade Representative.

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