

# The Washington State Energy Memorialization Bill

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TO THE HONORABLE JIMMY CARTER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

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

WHEREAS, The United States has a unique role to play in the world as a leading force for scientific and technological innovation and advanced agricultural and industrial production; and

WHEREAS, The rights and responsibilities this involves were initially secured through hard fought battles in the American Revolution up through the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, At this time there are those policy makers, who, through their adherence to "zero growth" and unsound monetarist policies, would act to subvert the historic American commitment to progress; and

WHEREAS, These interests would demobilize the American economy and sacrifice basic education standards by implementing programs of retrogressive energy forms, employment of skilled labor and youth in "public works" below subsistence levels, and dilution of education into "sensitivity" training; and

WHEREAS, Threatened in particular by the onset of such deindustrialization policies are the technical abilities which define us as a modern, industrial nation: the aerospace, electronics, and related sectors; and

WHEREAS, If the workforce, research and development capacity, and industrial infrastructure of these sectors are permitted to deteriorate either through

a deliberate dismantling policy or through defense expenditure vicissitudes, then all lower levels of technology including metal-work, industrial chemicals and the rest, will be in jeopardy because the nation's capability for the most advanced retooling and design will be lost;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialists respectfully pray that:

(1) The Congress will prevent such a course of action inimical to the nation's future and to mankind, by implementing policies of industrial research and development, and the development of the advanced energy form, controlled nuclear fusion power;

(2) The Congress will undertake the necessary enabling measures to accelerate and broaden the research and development of controlled fusion reactions;

(3) The Congress will enact complementary enabling measures to develop fossil fuel usage and nuclear energy expansion under existing technologies to bridge the period between now and the target period of the mid-1980s when controlled fusion energy can come "on line";

(4) The Congress will undertake to foster the expansion and development of aerospace, electronics, computer, and related sectors by measures including the following:

(a) Development of the scientific and engineering know-how essential for bringing on-line controlled nuclear fusion reactors;

(b) Development of this sector for the stable domestic capital goods markets and for export;

(c) Development of this sector in connection with revitalizing the machine tool industry to in turn tool-up outmoded American industry in all lines of basic manufacture, transportation technology, agricultural production, and food and fibre processing;

(5) The Congress will enact measures required to strengthen basic scientific education for the population in the fields of physics, chemistry, biological research, agronomy, plus engineering and related professional skills.

BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable Jimmy Carter, President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.