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**SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8014**

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**By** Senators Holmquist, Morton, Jacobsen, Hargrove and Rasmussen

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1            TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH, 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 THE  
4            UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE SECRETARY OF THE  
5            UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE:

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

9            WHEREAS, Washington state citizens have encountered wildlife more  
10           frequently as the number of people in Washington state has grown; and

11           WHEREAS, Washington state citizens have experienced increasing  
12           financial and physical hardships related to such increasing wildlife  
13           encounters; and

14           WHEREAS, Past efforts of the United States Department of  
15           Agriculture (USDA)/Animal Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS) in  
16           providing assistance to Washington state citizens in handling wildlife  
17           issues is greatly appreciated; and

18           WHEREAS, Elimination or reduction of this USDA/APHIS funding will  
19           directly impact the citizens of Washington state by reducing their

1 service and protection and increasing their financial and physical  
2 hardships;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the United  
4 States Congress and the Executive Branch immediately begin work to  
5 retain earmarked USDA/APHIS funding to reduce adverse wildlife impacts  
6 and the resulting financial and physical hardships on Washington  
7 state's citizens.

8 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
9 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United  
10 States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture,  
11 the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
12 Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of  
13 Washington.

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