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By Senators Shin, Berkey, Honeyford, Hobbs, Swecker, Delvin, Roach, Rasmussen, and Benton

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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 UNITED STATES SECRETARY
5 OF STATE, AND TO THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
6 SERVICES, AND TO THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WORLD HEALTH
7 ASSEMBLY, AND TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION,
8 AND TO THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL
9 REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN THE UNITED STATES:

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

13 WHEREAS, Direct and unobstructed participation in international
14 health cooperation forums and programs is crucial for all parts of the
15 world, especially with today's greater potential for the cross-border
16 spread of various infectious diseases such as AIDS; and

17 WHEREAS, Taiwan's achievements in the field of health care are
18 substantial, including life expectancy levels that are some of the
19 highest in Asia, maternal and infant mortality rates that are

1 comparable to those of western countries, free hepatitis B vaccinations
2 for children and the eradication of polio, cholera, smallpox, and the
3 plague; and

4 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and its
5 Taiwanese counterpart have enjoyed close collaboration on a wide range
6 of public health issues; and

7 WHEREAS, In recent years Taiwan has expressed a willingness to
8 assist financially and technically the international aid and health
9 activities supported by the World Health Organization; and

10 WHEREAS, Taiwan's population of 23 million is larger than that of
11 75 percent of World Health Organization member states; and

12 WHEREAS, The United States, in its 1994 Taiwan Policy Review,
13 declared its intention to support Taiwan's participation in appropriate
14 international organizations; and

15 WHEREAS, Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization
16 could bring many benefits to the state of health not only in Taiwan but
17 also regionally and globally;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that congress
19 support the participation by Taiwan in a meaningful and appropriate way
20 in the World Health Organization.

21 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this memorial shall be immediately
22 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
23 States, the United States Secretary of State, the United States
24 Secretary of Health and Human Services, the United States
25 representative to the World Health Assembly, the Director-General of
26 the World Health Organization, the representative of the Taipei
27 Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States, the
28 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of
29 Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
30 Washington.

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