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TO THE HONORABLE DONALD J. TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, 1 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 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE UNITED STATES 4 5 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES 6 ADMINISTRATION:

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, Washington state is in imminent danger of a magnitude
9.0 Cascadia subduction zone earthquake and subsequent tsunami; and

12 WHEREAS, Federal emergency management agency commissioned studies 13 by the homeland infrastructure threat and risk analysis center 14 indicate the residents of the state will face severe privations due 15 to loss of shelter, transportation network, communications, food 16 supplies, and medical care; and

WHEREAS, The resulting catastrophic damage to the state's infrastructure will severely hinder local, national, and international rescue and response activities; and

20 WHEREAS, Cities, counties, and fire districts will have to care 21 for the residents for up to thirty days before sufficient help 22 arrives to meet the residents' needs; and 1 WHEREAS, Washington cities, counties, and fire districts are 2 gathering supplies and equipment to prepare for the earthquake; and 3 WHEREAS, Cities, counties, and fire districts have a low priority 4 for obtaining United States government surplus equipment;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that Congress 6 direct the department of defense and general services administration 7 to give Washington cities, counties, and fire districts first 8 priority for obtaining United States government surplus equipment 9 needed to prepare for the Cascadia subduction zone earthquake and 10 tsunami.

BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, and to the United States department of defense and the United States general services administration, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

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