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**By Senators Stevens, Swecker 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:

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

8            WHEREAS, President George W. Bush established the Security and  
9            Prosperity Partnership (SPP) of North America, with the nations of  
10           Mexico and Canada on March 23, 2005; and

11           WHEREAS, A television reporter asked President Bush on March 23,  
12           2005, whether, in light of the European Union, the SPP was a step  
13           towards continental integration, and he responded, "So that the vision  
14           that you asked about in your questions as to what kind of union might  
15           there be, I see one based upon free trade, that would then entail  
16           commitment to markets and democracy, transparency, rule of law"; and

17           WHEREAS, The gradual creation of a North American Union from a  
18           merger between the United States, Mexico, and Canada would be a direct  
19           threat to the Constitution and national independence of the United

1 States, and imply an eventual end to the national borders within North  
2 America; and

3 WHEREAS, On March 31, 2006, a White House news release confirmed  
4 the continuing existence of the SPP and its "ongoing process of  
5 cooperation"; and

6 WHEREAS, Congressman Ron Paul has written that a key to the SPP  
7 plan is an extensive new NAFTA superhighway: "[U]nder this new  
8 'partnership,' a massive highway is being planned to stretch from  
9 Canada into Mexico through the state of Texas."; and

10 WHEREAS, This trilateral partnership to develop a North American  
11 Union has never been presented to Congress as an agreement or treaty,  
12 and has had virtually no congressional oversight; and

13 WHEREAS, State and local governments throughout the United States  
14 would be negatively impacted by the SPP/North American Union process,  
15 such as the "open borders" vision of the SPP, eminent domain takings of  
16 private property along the planned superhighways, and increased law  
17 enforcement problems along those same superhighways;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
19 Congress of the United States, and particularly the legislative  
20 delegation to Congress of the state of Washington, use all of their  
21 efforts, energies, and diligence to withdraw the United States from any  
22 further participation in the Security and Prosperity Partnership of  
23 North America and any other bilateral or multilateral activity however  
24 named that seeks to advance, authorize, fund, or in any way promote the  
25 creation of any structure to accomplish any form of North American  
26 Union as herein described.

27 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
28 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United  
29 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the  
30 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of  
31 Washington.

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