

1 Relating to the proposed construction of Federal Migratory Labor
2 Camps in the State of Washington.

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4 TO THE HONORABLE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
5 STATES; AND TO THE HONORABLE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-
6 TIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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8 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representa-
9 tives of the State of Washington in legislative session assembled,
10 most respectfully represent and petition you as follows:

11 WHEREAS, the Farm Security Administration of the Department
12 of Agriculture of the United States has proposed the immediate con-
13 struction and establishment of Federal Migratory Labor Camps in the
14 state of Washington, of which at least one base camp will be located
15 in the Yakima Valley; and

16 WHEREAS, accurate reports by impartial observers of the con-
17 ditions existing in camps heretofore established in California and
18 other states conclusively show that they are very costly, are oper-
19 ated in an extravagant manner, and that they involve the expenditure
20 of large and unnecessary sums of money raised by taxes; and

21 WHEREAS, the experience in said states has further demonstra-
22 ted that said camps have caused a tremendous increase and over-burden-
23 ing of the schools, health and other governmental facilities in the
24 communities in which said camps have been located; and

25 WHEREAS, the Farm Security Administration has made no ade-
26 quate provision for the additional burdens placed upon said govern-
27 mental agencies above mentioned; and

28 WHEREAS, the construction of said camps, wherever located, has
29 resulted in the accumulation of drifters and undesirable aliens and
30 agitators and has caused strikes, labor unrest and civil strife;

31 NOW, THEREFORE, We, your Memorialists, do most earnestly pray

that all plans for the construction of said Federal Migratory Labor
Camps in this state be abandoned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this memorial be sent
to the President of the United States, the United States Senate, the
United States House of Representatives, and to each member of Con-
gress from the State of Washington.

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