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TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of certain citizens of Australia draws to the attention of the House: Australia's foreign aid expenditure.

Australia currently allocates 0.33% of its Gross National Income (2008/09) in Overseas Development Assistance (ODA). Australia's current commitment to lift ODA to 0.5% is insufficient to meet the Millennium Development Goals and is well below the United Nations target of 0.7% of GNI.

We therefore ask the House to:

- Increase the planned rate of growth of Australia's aid program by increasing our ODA commitment to 0.7% of Gross National Income;
- Focus our aid on improving maternal and child health, food security, education and gender equality; and
- Rapidly increase Australia's assistance to countries to help them adapt to climate change and ensure that this commitment is additional to our Overseas Development Assistance.