

TO THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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WHEREAS the liquor manufacturers are now using over seven billion pounds (7,000,000,000) of food stuffs annually -- enough food value to supply seven million (7,000,000) hard working men for the entire year, and

WHEREAS in the present congested condition of our shipping and serious lack of adequate transportation facilities, the thousands of cars used in the shipment of liquor are imperatively needed for carrying necessities of life, and

WHEREAS more than 165,000 men are engaged in the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor, whose labor is thus really worse than wasted at a time when men are urgently needed on the farm, in the mill, and in the army and navy, and

WHEREAS the morale of our citizens is seriously affected, and the efficiency of our men both in the military service and in industry is decidedly lowered by the use of alcohol,

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, FACULTY AND STUDENTS OF BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, DO HEREBY PETITION THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE PROHIBITION OF THE MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF ALL INTOXICATING LIQUORS DURING THE PERIOD OF THE WAR, AS A LOGICAL AND NECESSARY CONSERVATION MEASURE.

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