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By Representatives Morris, Pennington, Dickerson, Van Luven, Sheldon, Boldt, Mason, Carrell and B. Thomas

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1            TO THE HONORABLE BILL CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND  
2 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, The federal tax reform act of 1986 put additional  
9 financial stress on the taxpayers of the state of Washington by  
10 eliminating the retail sales tax deduction; and

11           WHEREAS, Taxpayers in other states may deduct major state taxes in  
12 determining federal income tax; and

13           WHEREAS, Taxpayers of the state of Washington would realize  
14 substantial reductions in federal tax burdens if they could deduct  
15 retail sales taxes; and

16           WHEREAS, Congress is in the process of considering several  
17 proposals for reducing federal revenues; and

18           WHEREAS, Congress could easily relieve the burden on taxpayers of  
19 the state of Washington by restoring the full retail sales tax  
20 deduction;

1       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the United  
2 States Congress restore the deduction of retail sales tax under the  
3 federal income tax.

4       BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
5 transmitted to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United  
6 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the  
7 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of  
8 Washington.

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