

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8019**

55th Legislature  
1998 Regular Session

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8019** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senators Winsley and Prentice

Read first time 01/19/98. Referred to Committee on Financial Institutions, Insurance & Housing.

1 TO THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
2 STATES, AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE  
3 OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
4 THE 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 policy of the state of Washington is to assure the  
9 health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

10 WHEREAS, An adequate supply of tax-exempt private activity bond  
11 volume cap is essential and critically important in financing  
12 affordable, decent first-time home ownership opportunities and low-  
13 income and moderate-income rental housing in this state and the nation,  
14 as well as several other critically important purposes that contribute  
15 to the well-being of the citizens of the state; and

16 WHEREAS, An adequate supply of low-income housing tax credits is  
17 essential and critically important to financing affordable, decent,  
18 rental housing units that contribute to the well-being of the citizens  
19 of the state; and

20 WHEREAS, The United States Congress, in the Tax Reform Act of 1986,  
21 established restrictions on tax-exempt private activity municipal

1 bonds, effective January 1, 1988, that imposed a limit, based on each  
2 state's population, not to exceed the greater of fifty dollars per  
3 capita per calendar year, but failed to include an automatic  
4 inflationary multiplier to ensure that the purchasing power of this  
5 resource did not become diluted; and

6 WHEREAS, The amount of tax-exempt private activity bonding for this  
7 state is inadequate to meet the tax-exempt private activity financing  
8 demands of the state of Washington, and its agencies and political  
9 subdivisions; and

10 WHEREAS, The United States Congress, in the Tax Reform Act of 1986,  
11 established restrictions on the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit that  
12 imposed a limit based on each state's population to be equal to one  
13 dollar and twenty-five cents per capita per calendar year, but failed  
14 to include an automatic inflationary multiplier to ensure that the  
15 purchasing power of this resource did not become diluted; and

16 WHEREAS, Since 1987 the effects of annual inflation have diluted  
17 the purchasing power of Washington's tax-exempt private activity  
18 bonding cap and the low-income housing tax credits by forty-six  
19 percent; and

20 WHEREAS, Such loss has been devastating to the ability of this  
21 state and the nation to provide adequate, affordable housing  
22 opportunities to its lower-income constituents by reducing nearly in  
23 half the number of single-family housing units and multifamily rental  
24 housing units available and affordable to the ever-increasing number of  
25 lower-income, first-time home buyers and renters in Washington, thus  
26 causing many of these families to remain in substandard or expensive  
27 housing, among other negative impacts; and

28 WHEREAS, If the state and its agencies and political subdivisions  
29 continue to be unable to provide adequate levels of tax-exempt private  
30 activity bond financing and low-income housing tax credit financing for  
31 these purposes, the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the  
32 state of Washington will be further negatively impacted;

33 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the United  
34 States Congress increase immediately the tax-exempt private activity  
35 bond volume cap and the allocation of low-income housing tax credits  
36 available to each state, including Washington, to levels that would  
37 fully restore the tax-exempt private activity bond volume cap  
38 purchasing power and the low-income housing tax credit purchasing power  
39 of each state, including Washington, to levels that would offset the

1 diluted effects of inflation since 1987, and index increases for these  
2 resources to inflation in future years.

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

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