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1 TO THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
2 STATES, THE HONORABLE RODNEY E. SLATER, SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES
3 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND
4 THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND
5 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

6 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
7 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
8 represent and petition as follows:

9 WHEREAS, The importance of air transportation continues to grow in
10 importance in the United States economy; and

11 WHEREAS, Air transportation in the United States is a critical link
12 to other nations and to points within the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, The growth of commercial passenger service, freight
14 service, and general aviation have all been enhanced through steps
15 taken by the Federal Government; and

16 WHEREAS, Air traffic control measures are one of the more important
17 roles that the Federal Government plays in ensuring the air safety for
18 travelers and in the overall health of the air transportation system;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Continued growth in air traffic places ever-increasing
21 burdens on the air traffic control system and airport traffic

1 operations, and current staffing procedures have proven very successful
2 in ensuring air traffic safety;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
4 Federal Government continue the present policies for air traffic
5 control and airport tower staffing, and not take any actions that
6 jeopardize the success of this nation's traffic control system through
7 further expansion of the federal contract tower program.

8 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
9 transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the
10 United States, the Honorable Rodney E. Slater, Secretary of the United
11 States Department of Transportation, the President of the United States
12 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of
13 Congress from the State of Washington.

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