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By Representatives Roach, Kirby, Marine, Miloscia, Cairnes, Bush, Anderson, Morell, Lambert, Pennington, Casada and Ogden

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1 TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,  
2 AND 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 dependent care tax credit provides much needed  
9 tax relief for the working families who place their children in  
10 commercial day care; and

11 WHEREAS, Parents who choose to stay at home full time to raise  
12 their young children are not eligible for the federal dependent care  
13 tax credit; and

14 WHEREAS, Establishing a dependent care tax credit that provides  
15 assistance to stay-at-home parents would not affect the current  
16 dependent care tax credits for families in which both parents work; and

17 WHEREAS, Providing all day child care is expensive whether it is  
18 provided in the home or by a traditional day-care operator; and

19 WHEREAS, The President and Congress are discussing possible tax  
20 cuts to provide tax relief to families in order to help them meet their  
21 needs;

1           NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the United  
2 States President and Congress expand the existing dependent care tax  
3 credit to include a parent who stays at home to care for his or her  
4 children.

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

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