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1 TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

2 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
3 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
4 represent and petition as follows:

5 WHEREAS, A cost-efficient and effective public safety system is a
6 core function of government; and

7 WHEREAS, The cost-efficiency and effectiveness of public safety is
8 contingent upon the ability of the judicial branch of governments to
9 quickly provide and share accurate information amongst its members; and

10 WHEREAS, The legislature of the State of Washington recognizes the
11 sovereign status of the Tribal nations located within the boundaries of
12 the state; and

13 WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the State of Washington has the
14 authority to enter agreements with Tribal nations on judicial
15 information sharing; and

16 WHEREAS, Such compacts could enhance victim and public safety,
17 reduce the likelihood of inconsistent judicial decisions, provide law
18 enforcement personnel with current and accurate information, reduce
19 inappropriate judicial forum shopping, and increase public confidence
20 in state and tribal judicial systems;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
2 Supreme Court of the State of Washington negotiate compacts with the
3 Tribal nations located within the boundaries of the state for sharing
4 of criminal justice information between the state and the nations; and

5 FURTHER, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that, in the most
6 cost-effective manner possible, the compacts establish protocols,
7 practices, and policies for entry and sharing of criminal justice
8 information in state and tribal justice systems; address and resolve
9 matters involving wrongful dissemination of information and the
10 liability therefore; and establish dispute resolution and termination
11 procedures; and

12 FURTHER, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the Supreme Court
13 of the State of Washington provide ongoing information to the Governor
14 and the Legislature regarding the execution of compacts and an annual
15 report on the establishment and revision of such compacts; and

16 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
17 transmitted to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the state of
18 Washington and to the Tribal nations located within the boundaries of
19 Washington State.

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