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By Senators Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Rolfes, Wellman, Chase, Conway, and Saldaña

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1            TO THE HONORABLE DONALD TRUMP, 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  
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,  
7 respectfully represent and petition as follows:

8            WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service handles 40 percent of  
9 the world's mail, totaling more than 155 billion pieces processed  
10 annually; and

11            WHEREAS, Revenue from first-class mail, the main source of  
12 revenue for the post office, increased by 3.7 percent in the last  
13 three months of 2014 compared to the previous year, and overall  
14 revenues grew by 4.3 percent; and

15            WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service eliminated overnight  
16 delivery of local first-class mail across the country, effective  
17 January 5, 2015; and

18            WHEREAS, Correspondence, invoices, bill payments, and other mail  
19 will now take, on average, two days for local delivery instead of  
20 one; and

21            WHEREAS, This change in delivery standards may impact 15,000  
22 workers and result in the closure of mail processing operations in  
23 Tacoma, Wenatchee, and Redmond; and

1       WHEREAS, Elections and ballot initiatives can be decided by a few  
2 hundred or thousand votes and this change will impact state and local  
3 elections in Washington State by delaying, by one day, mailed ballots  
4 in contested elections; and

5       WHEREAS, One hundred three members of the United States House of  
6 Representatives, including Representative Suzan DelBene of  
7 Washington, cosponsored H.R. 784, the "Protect Overnight Delivery  
8 Act," which was introduced in the 114th Congress and would remove the  
9 service standards introduced by the United States Postal Service  
10 earlier this year and restore the previous standard;

11       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that Congress  
12 protect United States mail service as a valuable and cherished public  
13 resource across the state, including six-day mail service, which is  
14 managed, operated, and directly accountable to the people of the  
15 United States.

16       BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
17 transmitted to the Honorable Donald Trump, President of the United  
18 States, the Postmaster General of the United States, the Board of  
19 Governors of the United States Postal Service, the President of the  
20 United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
21 and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

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