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1 TO THE HONORABLE DONALD J. 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 national debt is growing at unprecedented rates,
9 thereby mounting a serious threat to the solvency, security, and
10 prosperity of the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, Congress and successive presidential administrations
12 have shown little inclination to constrain their chronic deficit
13 spending; and

14 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Washington deems that an
15 amendment to the United States Constitution, requiring a balanced
16 federal budget, is necessary for the good of the American people;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully apply, under the
18 provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for
19 the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing an
20 amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that in
21 the absence of a national emergency the total of all federal outlays
22 made by Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all

1 estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with any
2 related and appropriate fiscal restraints.

3 BE IT RESOLVED, That this Memorial is to be considered as
4 covering the same subject as the balanced budget amendment language
5 of the presently outstanding balanced budget applications from the
6 other states, including but not limited to previously adopted
7 applications from Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado,
8 Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan,
9 Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North
10 Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas,
11 Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming; and this application
12 shall be aggregated with the same for the purpose of attaining the
13 two-thirds of states necessary to require the calling of a convention
14 for proposing a balanced budget amendment, but shall not be
15 aggregated with any applications on any other subject.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Memorial constitutes a
17 continuing application in accordance with Article V of the
18 Constitution of the United States until the legislature of at least
19 two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same
20 subject.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be
22 immediately transmitted to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President
23 of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the
24 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress
25 from the State of Washington, and to the presiding officers of each
26 of the legislative houses in the several states, requesting their
27 cooperation.

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