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1 TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND
2 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, A state has the constitutional power to impose a tax on
9 income that is earned in that state regardless of the residency of the
10 recipient; and

11 WHEREAS, Persons who have retired in Washington state are being
12 forced to pay income taxes on their retirement income to the state from
13 which they came; and

14 WHEREAS, Many retirees with modest means are unexpectedly receiving
15 large bills for back taxes; and

16 WHEREAS, These retirees have no representation in the legislatures
17 of the states from which they came; and

1 WHEREAS, Federal congressional action is the most effective means
2 to deal with this problem; and

3 WHEREAS, Several bills have been introduced in Congress to permit
4 the taxation of pension income only by the state of residency;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, Your memorialists respectfully ask that support be
6 given for the successful passage of H.R. 431, sponsored by
7 Representative Vucanovich; S. 267, sponsored by Senator Reid; or any
8 other similar legislation which permits the taxation of pension income
9 only by the state of residency.

10 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
11 transmitted to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United
12 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
13 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
14 Washington.