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1 TO THE HONORABLE BARACK OBAMA, 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, The state of Washington imposes a sales tax rather than a
9 state income tax; and

10 WHEREAS, Six other states impose a sales tax with little or no
11 state income tax; and

12 WHEREAS, The federal tax code allows a deduction for state income
13 taxes, resulting in a disadvantage for taxpayers in states that do not
14 impose an income tax; and

15 WHEREAS, For the past several years, taxpayers have been given the
16 choice of deducting their state income tax or a state sales tax on
17 their federal returns; and

18 WHEREAS, The impact of this tax break amounts to a reduction in
19 taxable income by two billion two hundred ninety million dollars, or
20 about two thousand three hundred fifty dollars per return; and

1 WHEREAS, This tax break helps families and, ultimately, grows local
2 economies;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
4 deduction for states' sales tax be continued and adopted as a permanent
5 tax deduction.

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

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