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1 TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH, 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 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, Federal law (P.L. 104-193, 1996) requires states,
9 including Washington, to collect social security numbers as part of the
10 application process for recreational licenses; and

11 WHEREAS, As required by this law, all applicants for an original,
12 replacement, or renewal of a recreational license in Washington state
13 must furnish the licensing agency with the applicant's social security
14 number which is then recorded on the application; and

15 WHEREAS, The Washington State Legislature has found that if social
16 security numbers are accessible to the public, it will be relatively
17 easy for someone to use another's social security number fraudulently
18 to assume that person's identity and gain access to bank accounts,
19 credit services, billing information, driving history, and other
20 sources of personal information; and

1 WHEREAS, This law compounds and exacerbates the disturbing trend of
2 social security number-related fraud and identity theft; and

3 WHEREAS, This law infringes the United States and state
4 constitutional guarantees against invasion of privacy; represents an
5 unfunded federal mandate; and encroaches on the 10th Amendment by
6 requiring a state to administer a federal regulatory program; and

7 WHEREAS, The state is doing an excellent job of collecting support
8 payments, and the social security number collection requirement as it
9 applies to applications for recreational licenses is not necessary to
10 further that collection process; and

11 WHEREAS, It is important to petition the federal government to
12 promote personal privacy and to limit overreaching regulations on the
13 states;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the United
15 States Congress protect federalism by eliminating the social security
16 number collection requirement as it applies to applications for
17 recreational licenses or, in the alternative, by issuing a waiver to
18 the social security number collection requirement as it applies to
19 applications for recreational licenses.

20 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
21 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
22 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
23 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
24 Washington.

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