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By Senate Committee on Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Schmidt, T. Sheldon, Shin, Hale, B. Sheldon and McAuliffe)

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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, AND TO THE WASHINGTON STATE
5 CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, AND TO SECRETARY DONALD L. EVANS OF THE U.S.
6 COMMERCE DEPARTMENT:

7 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
8 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
9 represent and petition as follows:

10 WHEREAS, Manufacturing has provided our citizens with living wage
11 jobs, benefits, and a higher standard of living; and

12 WHEREAS, Small manufacturers are the backbone of manufacturing
13 employment in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, U.S. manufacturing has faced serious competition from
15 overseas manufacturers; and

16 WHEREAS, The United States has lost nearly 2.7 million
17 manufacturing jobs over the past three years; and

18 WHEREAS, The loss of manufacturing jobs in the United States has
19 become a critical concern to our citizens and economic well-being; and

1 WHEREAS, The Manufacturing Extension Partnership supports our small
2 manufacturers' competitive advantages: Innovation and productivity;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Our Manufacturing Extension Partnership, the Washington
5 Manufacturing Services, has assisted over 800 manufacturers in
6 Washington to become more efficient and competitive; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2002 Washington Manufacturing Services projects
8 produced an annual cost savings to Washington state manufacturers of an
9 average of \$8.5 million and an increase of product sales of \$45
10 million; and

11 WHEREAS, The impact of these projects has created \$2.7 million in
12 state revenue and \$5 million in federal revenue; and

13 WHEREAS, The proposed federal cut to the Manufacturing Extension
14 Partnership from \$109 million to \$39 million--nearly two-thirds of its
15 current funding--will cripple the one federal program specifically
16 designed to help manufacturers; and

17 WHEREAS, This budget reduction will leave Manufacturing Extension
18 Partnerships struggling to serve thousands of small manufacturers who
19 rely on their assistance each year;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully urge Congress to
21 fully restore funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership
22 program in the fiscal year 2004 appropriation.

23 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
24 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
25 States, the Washington state congressional delegation and Secretary
26 Donald L. Evans of the U.S. Commerce Department, the President of the
27 United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and
28 each member of Congress.

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