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1 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
2 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO
3 EACH MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
5 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
6 represent and petition as follows:

7 WHEREAS, In 1998, Congress enacted, and in 2001 extended, the
8 Internet Tax Freedom Act to protect consumers who used the Internet and
9 encourage more individuals to access the Internet; and

10 WHEREAS, The legislation eliminated taxes on Internet access,
11 double-taxation of a product or service bought over the Internet, and
12 discriminatory taxes that treated Internet purchases differently from
13 other types of sales; and

14 WHEREAS, The moratorium on Internet access led to the rapid growth
15 of the Internet, which in turn brought good economic news; and

16 WHEREAS, We live in an age of innovation, where the medium of the
17 Internet is sparking a sharp increase in entrepreneurship and
18 opportunity, the likes of which have not been seen since the beginning
19 of the Industrial Revolution;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
2 Senators and members of the United States House of Representatives from
3 our state pass a permanent and technologically neutral extension of the
4 Internet tax moratorium.

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

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