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By Senators Benton, Pflug, Swecker, Oke, Roach, Hale, Deccio, Parlette, T. Sheldon, Esser, Rasmussen and Stevens

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1 TO THE HONORABLE PATTY MURRAY, THE HONORABLE MARIA CANTWELL, THE
2 HONORABLE JAY INSLEE, THE HONORABLE RICK LARSEN, THE HONORABLE BRIAN
3 BAIRD, THE HONORABLE RICHARD "DOC" HASTINGS, THE HONORABLE GEORGE
4 NETHERCUTT, THE HONORABLE NORM DICKS, THE HONORABLE JIM MCDERMOTT, THE
5 HONORABLE JENNIFER DUNN, AND THE HONORABLE ADAM SMITH:

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

9 WHEREAS, Under tax relief legislation passed in 2001, the death tax
10 was temporarily phased out, but not permanently eliminated; and

11 WHEREAS, Farmers and other small business owners will face losing
12 their farms and businesses if the Federal Government resumes the heavy
13 taxation of citizens at death; and

14 WHEREAS, This is a tax that is particularly damaging to families
15 who are working their way up the ladder and trying to accumulate wealth
16 for the first time; and

17 WHEREAS, Employees suffer layoffs when small and medium businesses
18 are liquidated to pay death taxes; and

19 WHEREAS, If the death tax had been repealed in 1996, the United

1 States economy would have realized billions of dollars each year in
2 extra output and an average of 145,000 additional new jobs would have
3 been created; and

4 WHEREAS, Having repeatedly passed in the United States House of
5 Representatives and Senate, repeal of the death tax holds wide
6 bipartisan support;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that our
8 elected Senators and Representatives in the United States Congress
9 support, work to pass, and vote for the immediate and permanent repeal
10 of the death tax.

11 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
12 transmitted to each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

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