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By Senators Benton, Swecker and Stevens

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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, Every American has the right to expect a workplace free of
9 violence; and

10 WHEREAS, Some labor unions have resorted to violence, bribery, and
11 extortion in their workplace unionization campaigns; and

12 WHEREAS, This violence has not only confined itself to the
13 workplace, but has spilled over into other areas of American civic life
14 (including political campaigns); and

15 WHEREAS, The people have a constitutional right to expect their
16 free speech exercises to be respected by their fellow citizens and
17 protected by law; and

18 WHEREAS, Congress has in the past sought to restrict union violence
19 via the Hobbs Act, which was thrown out by judicial activism;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
2 Congressmen and Senators from our state vote to reauthorize the Hobbs
3 Act to restrict union violence.

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

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