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By Representatives Chase, McCaslin, Dent, and Sutherland

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1 TO THE HONORABLE JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
2 STATES, AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE
3 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 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,
7 respectfully represent and petition as follows:

8 WHEREAS, The United States Constitution, Article IV, section 3
9 states in part that "no new states shall be formed or erected within
10 the jurisdiction of any other state; nor any state be formed by the
11 junction of two or more states, or parts of states, without the
12 consent of the legislatures of the states concerned as well as of the
13 congress."; and

14 WHEREAS, Since statehood, the lifestyles, culture, and economies
15 of eastern and western Washington have been very distinct and
16 dramatically different, while the urbanization and rapid growth in
17 the western portions of the state has progressively heightened this
18 divergence of cultural and economic values between the western and
19 eastern portions of the state; and

20 WHEREAS, That portion of the state from the crest of the Cascade
21 mountains east to the existing state border has sought and desired to
22 become a separate and independent state to be named and known as the
23 state of Liberty; and

1 WHEREAS, The legislators of the state of Washington do agree with
2 and consent to that desire to create a new state from the territory
3 herein mentioned;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
5 Congress of the United States consent to the formation of a new state
6 to be named and known as the state of Liberty whose western boundary
7 follows the crest of the Cascade mountains and the western borders of
8 Okanogan, Chelan, Kittitas, Yakima, and Klickitat counties, and whose
9 eastern, northern, and southern boundaries are the existing state
10 borders.

11 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
12 transmitted to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the
13 United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker
14 of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the
15 State of Washington.

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