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By Representatives Walsh, Dufault, Corry, Stuebe, Ley, and Chase

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TO THE HONORABLE DONALD J. TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES:

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

WHEREAS, The Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution and Section 2 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10301 et seq.) protect Washington voters against policies that either abridge or dilute their voting rights; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the state of Washington and the Washington Voting Rights Act, chapter 29A.92 RCW, also protect Washington voters against policies that either abridge or dilute their voting rights; and

WHEREAS, RCW 29A.08.355, hereafter referred to as the "Motor Voter Law," involves the automatic registration of people to vote in elections in Washington with no determination of whether those people are, in fact, legal voters, which risks diluting legal Washington voters' voice in state law, policy, and government actions; and

WHEREAS, The Washington government agency most directly involved in implementing the "Motor Voter Law" is the Department of Licensing; and

WHEREAS, The Governor appoints, with minimal legislative involvement or oversight, the Director and other senior management of the Department of Licensing; and

WHEREAS, The Governor and his immediate predecessors have ignored repeated requests by members of the Washington State Legislature to investigate potential abridgement or dilution caused by the Department of Licensing's implementation of the "Motor Voter Law";

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the Attorney General of the United States directs the appropriate divisions of the United States Department of Justice to audit and review the Department of Licensing's implementation of the "Motor Voter Law," with a focus on possible violations of the United States Constitution, the United States Code, the Constitution of the state of Washington, or the Revised Code of Washington.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington House of Representatives requests that the Attorney General of the United States report the results of the requested audit and review to the members of this body, with recommendations for appropriate remedies for violations of the United States Constitution, the United States Code, the Constitution of the state of Washington, or the Revised Code of Washington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington House of Representatives requests that the Attorney General of the United States commence, without further consultation, any corrective action she deems appropriate for the results of the requested audit and review.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, the Attorney General of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

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