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1 TO THE HONORABLE BILL CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND
2 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, The State of Washington looks forward to a new Federal-
9 State relationship grounded on the notion that government efficiency
10 and effectiveness results from greater cooperation and better
11 definition of the responsibility for regulating public programs; and

12 WHEREAS, A more workable balance must be struck in an effort to
13 provide consistency and accountability through federal requirements on
14 the use of federal funds and the constraint it places on local
15 creativity and innovation; and

16 WHEREAS, Greater flexibility in administering federal programs can
17 result in a reduction of costs of the programs, and a more efficient
18 use of federal funds; and

19 WHEREAS, A relaxation and loosening of certain restrictive federal
20 regulations can result in positive progress in solving public policy
21 issues on such diverse topics as the federal budget deficit and the

1 current crisis in health care, public education, sustainable economies,
2 and environmental health; and

3 WHEREAS, State and local governmental entities have been struggling
4 against the vast number of red-tape constraints of federal regulations;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, State and local officials are cognizant of the need for
7 federal policy standards and safeguards that assure a uniformity of
8 service for all individuals, but there is also a need to remove the
9 constraints on innovative efforts to reduce costs and improve service
10 far closer to the point of delivery. This approach will allow for the
11 implementation of programs rooted in the real life experiences of state
12 and local governments who deliver services to the public;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
14 President and the Congress of the United States take action to help
15 ease the burden of overly restrictive federal regulations on state and
16 local governments.

17 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
18 transmitted to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United
19 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
20 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
21 Washington.

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