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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 provides a key link between the  
9 United States and the Asian-Pacific region; and

10 WHEREAS, Washington's economy depends heavily on international  
11 trade and tourism; and

12 WHEREAS, The cruise ship trade, which now features Alaska, could  
13 grow even faster if it also featured Washington state and utilized the  
14 ties between Washington state and the Asian-Pacific region; and

15 WHEREAS, An 1886 federal law (46 U.S.C. 289) prohibits foreign-  
16 flagged vessels from carrying passengers between United States ports;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, The cruise ship industry potentially could provide an  
19 additional \$100 million to the Washington state economy if foreign-  
20 flagged cruise ships could travel between Washington state and other  
21 states, such as Alaska; and

1       WHEREAS, The purpose of the restrictions on foreign-flagged  
2 vessels, to protect shipbuilding jobs in the United States and market  
3 share for United States vessels, can be accomplished while  
4 accommodating expanded cruise ship activity;

5       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the United  
6 States Congress and President Bill Clinton amend Title 46, United  
7 States Code (289), to allow foreign-flagged cruise ships to carry  
8 passengers between United States destinations while also protecting and  
9 promoting United States jobs.

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

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