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By Senators Talmadge, Pelz, Prentice and Moore

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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 Washington State Legislature is committed to offering  
9 every child in our state the opportunity for a quality education; and

10           WHEREAS, Our nation's success in the post-Cold War era will depend  
11 on the ability of America's public schools to educate each and every  
12 child; and

13           WHEREAS, No single state and no single school district has the  
14 financial capacity to both build a quality education program for the  
15 twenty-first century and overcome the social and economic problems that  
16 prevent students from coming to school ready to learn; and

17           WHEREAS, The end of the Cold War and the collapse of the Soviet  
18 Union offer our nation a once-in-a-generation opportunity to rethink  
19 our national priorities; and

1       WHEREAS, Our competitors in the global marketplace invest more tax  
2 dollars on children and elementary and secondary education than does  
3 the United States; and

4       WHEREAS, Federal budget savings made possible by the end of the  
5 Cold War could be used to rebuild American education and ensure that  
6 every child comes to school healthy and ready to learn; and

7       WHEREAS, Investment in physical capital, human resources, and  
8 technology would position the United States for the challenges of the  
9 twenty-first century; and

10       WHEREAS, The national organizations that represent people at the  
11 local level who care deeply about education--the National School Boards  
12 Association, the National Parent Teacher Association, the National  
13 Association of Elementary School Principals, the American Association  
14 of School Administrators, the Council of Great City Schools, the  
15 National Education Association, and the American Federation of  
16 Teachers--have jointly called for new federal budget priorities that  
17 reflect post-Cold War realities;

18       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
19 federal government reinvest in America. We join school districts and  
20 local and state governments all across America in urging Congress and  
21 the President to reorder federal spending priorities with the goals of  
22 ensuring that every child comes to school healthy and ready to learn  
23 and that every child receives a quality education.

24       BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
25 transmitted to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United  
26 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the  
27 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of  
28 Washington.

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