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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, Crowded prisons are clearly one of the most pressing
9 problems facing our criminal justice system today; and

10 WHEREAS, The cost of corrections is high and continues to rise out
11 of control; and

12 WHEREAS, Alien offenders constitute a significant and growing
13 portion of our offender population; and

14 WHEREAS, The enormous costs currently borne by our state to
15 maintain alien offenders in our prisons and jails should be the direct
16 responsibility of the federal government; and

17 WHEREAS, The needs of law-abiding residents of our state should be
18 the first and highest priority;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that Congress
20 recognize the unfair and enormous economic burden created by the
21 failure of the Immigration and Naturalization Service to adequately

1 stem the flow of illegal aliens, and as such, fully compensate the
2 state of Washington for the costs associated with incarcerating every
3 alien offender in our jails and prisons or establish by federal decree
4 a mechanism for deporting alien offenders to prisons in their
5 respective countries while maintaining sentencing parity under an
6 arrangement of remuneration established by treaty with the federal
7 government.

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

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