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**By** House Committee on Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Representatives Valle, Van Luven, Sheldon, D. Schmidt, Mason, Hickel, Veloria, Hatfield, Kessler, Blanton and Radcliff)

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1 TO THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
2 STATES, AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE  
3 OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
4 THE 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, Washington's economy depends heavily on international  
9 trade, shipbuilding, seafaring, and tourism; and

10 WHEREAS, The United States merchant marine continues to play a  
11 vital role in meeting the economic, military defense, and international  
12 aid objectives of our nation; and

13 WHEREAS, The cruise ship industry has grown on average 9.3 percent  
14 annually since 1980 and is expected to double by the year 2000; and

15 WHEREAS, The cruise ship trade, which now features Alaska, could  
16 grow even faster if it also featured Washington state; and

17 WHEREAS, The cruise ship industry could potentially provide an  
18 additional one hundred million dollars to the Washington state economy  
19 if a United States coastwise cruise ship trade were established, with  
20 United States vessels transporting passengers between Washington state  
21 and other states, such as Alaska; and

1       WHEREAS, Representatives from United States ports, labor  
2 organizations, government agencies, and the maritime industry have met  
3 to develop an agreement on the successful advancement of a United  
4 States coastwise cruise ship trade; and

5       WHEREAS, The United States Congress has been considering  
6 legislation that provides financial incentives and operating provisions  
7 to effectively establish a United States coastwise cruise ship trade;

8       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the United  
9 States Congress and President William J. Clinton establish a United  
10 States cruise ship industry, thereby developing a United States cruise  
11 ship registry, United States jobs, and a United States coastwise cruise  
12 ship trade.

13       BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
14 transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the  
15 United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker  
16 of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the  
17 State of Washington.

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