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1            TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
2 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
3 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

4            We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of  
5 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully  
6 represent and petition as follows:

7            WHEREAS, The establishment of the National Highway System (NHS) is  
8 deemed necessary to ensure that our citizens are connected to the rest  
9 of the nation and the world, and that all citizens of our nation are  
10 connected to the natural resources, national parks, cities, and other  
11 points of national importance now and in the future; and

12            WHEREAS, The provisions of the Intermodal Surface Transportation  
13 Efficiency Act (ISTEA) provide States with overall responsibility for  
14 NHS route and project selection; and

15            WHEREAS, The planning and public participation provisions of the  
16 ISTEA ensure that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO), other  
17 transportation agencies, and the general public have a significant role  
18 in the NHS program; and

19            WHEREAS, An equitable process for designation of NHS routes as  
20 defined by the ISTEA and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) rules  
21 and procedures has been established; and

1       WHEREAS, The flexibility and transferability provisions in Section  
2 1006 of the ISTEA, describing the NHS, enable States to address  
3 critical transportation needs identified in the MPO and State  
4 transportation planning processes; and

5       WHEREAS, The FHWA has submitted their proposed designations to  
6 Congress; and

7       WHEREAS, After September 30, 1995, no Federal funds made available  
8 for the National Highway System or the Interstate Maintenance program  
9 may be apportioned unless a law has been approved designating the  
10 National Highway System;

11       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully urge that Congress  
12 pass legislation approving the National Highway System (NHS) at the  
13 earliest date possible, but no later than September 30, 1995.

14       BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
15 transmitted to the President and the Secretary of the United States  
16 Senate, to the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of  
17 Representatives, and to each member of this state's delegation to  
18 Congress.

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