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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, With each passing year people of the United States
8 repeatedly endure the suffocating collar of debt and deficit as a
9 result of previous Congresses of the United States continually
10 appropriating federal expenditures in amounts that exceed federal
11 revenues; and

12 WHEREAS, Such fiscal irresponsibility chokes and suffocates the
13 economic vigor and vitality of the United States, will continue to do
14 so unless and until a federal balanced budget is achieved, and
15 therefore threatens the foundations of our Nation and future
16 generations of Americans to come; and

17 WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the Congress, as representatives of
18 the people and accountable stewards of our Nation's tax revenues and
19 its future, to adopt and implement a federal budget, based upon
20 Congressional Budget Office figures, which reflects fiscal prudence and
21 governmental temperance and the limited role of government; and

1 WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the Congress to pass a balanced
2 federal budget that properly appropriates federal expenditures that are
3 commensurate with available federal revenue, in turn spurring economic
4 growth, encouraging investment, creating jobs, ensuring prosperity, and
5 sustaining the well-being of our Nation; and

6 WHEREAS, The continued unwillingness of the Federal Government to
7 responsibly limit federal expenditures to conform with available
8 federal revenues is a patently untenable and grossly unacceptable
9 fiscal policy; and

10 WHEREAS, It is necessary to recognize and return to the path we
11 have strayed from as a Nation, namely, returning what belongs to the
12 states and the people, recognizing the spirit, intent, and letter of
13 the law of the Tenth Amendment of the United States Constitution,
14 recognizing the best government, and the one envisioned by our founding
15 fathers and provided for in the United States Constitution, is one that
16 governs locally and is responsive to the people; and

17 WHEREAS, Tax increases, in whatever form, cripple economic growth,
18 discourage investment, and increase an already massive tax burden on
19 the citizens of the great United States and such tax increases cannot
20 be part or parcel of any federal fiscal policy to balance the budget;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists petition the Congress to adopt a
22 balanced federal budget that responsibly, prudently, and reasonably
23 appropriates only those federal expenditures that can be justified by
24 federal revenues actually received and incorporates meaningful tax cuts
25 that will help create jobs, stimulate economic growth, and let working
26 people keep more of the money they earn.

27 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
28 transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker
29 of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the
30 State of Washington.

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