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1 TO THE HONORABLE GARY LOCKE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
2 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
3 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
4 represent and petition as follows:

5 WHEREAS, Local governments have experienced and may continue to
6 experience significant budget impacts from the passage of Chapter 1,
7 Laws of 2000 (Initiative Measure No. 695); and

8 WHEREAS, As a result of Chapter 1, Laws of 2000 (Initiative Measure
9 No. 695), local governments are reviewing their budgets, establishing
10 priorities, and identifying costs of local government services and
11 programs; and

12 WHEREAS, Chapter 2, Laws of 1994 (Initiative Measure No. 601)
13 required the state to consider the costs imposed on local governments
14 by laws requiring new programs and increased levels of service; and

15 WHEREAS, Rules adopted by state agencies may create substantial
16 costs for local governments; and

17 WHEREAS, It is in the best interests of local governments and the
18 state to mitigate the financial impacts of rules adopted by state
19 agencies for a sufficient period to allow local governments to develop
20 strategies to comply with the requirements of Chapter 1, Laws of 2000
21 (Initiative Measure No. 695).

1 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
2 Governor immediately issue an Executive Order: (1) Prohibiting state
3 agencies, until March 30, 2002, from proposing or adopting any rule or
4 engaging in any programmatic activity, other than normal contract
5 negotiations, that will create new costs for local governments; and (2)
6 requiring all state agencies, until March 30, 2002, to assess whether
7 a rule or activity would create any new costs for local governments and
8 to issue findings that a rule or activity does not create any new costs
9 for local governments before proceeding with the rule or activity.

10 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
11 transmitted to the Honorable Gary Locke, Governor of the State of
12 Washington.

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