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By Representatives Dunn, Fromhold, Pennington, Ogden, Hatfield, Mielke, Boldt and Grant

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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, Many residents of the State of Washington work at jobs
6 located in Oregon; and

7 WHEREAS, These workers contribute significantly to the vitality of
8 the Washington and Oregon economies; and

9 WHEREAS, The States of Washington and Oregon have chosen greatly
10 different tax systems whereby Oregon taxes income and Washington taxes
11 consumption; and

12 WHEREAS, Washington residents pay over one hundred million dollars
13 in income tax to Oregon; and

14 WHEREAS, Clark County Washington residents pay more in personal
15 income tax to Oregon than do the residents of twenty-nine Oregon
16 counties; and

17 WHEREAS, Washington residents working in Oregon must pay taxes to
18 two states: Income taxes to Oregon and sales taxes to Washington; and

19 WHEREAS, The amount of income taxes paid by Washington residents to
20 Oregon greatly exceed the cost of public services they receive from
21 Oregon;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully urge you to ensure
2 fair tax treatment of Washington residents by working with the
3 Honorable John Kitzhaber, Governor of the State of Oregon, to reduce
4 the Oregon income tax to a level commensurate with services received by
5 Washington residents working in Oregon.

6 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
7 transmitted to the Honorable John Kitzhaber, Governor of the State of
8 Oregon, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
9 Representatives of the State of Oregon, and each member of the
10 Legislature of the State of Oregon.

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