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1 TO THE HONORABLE JOHN KITZHABER, GOVERNOR OF OREGON, AND TO THE
2 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
3 OF THE STATE OF OREGON, AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
4 STATE OF OREGON:

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

10 WHEREAS, These workers contribute significantly to the vitality of
11 the Oregon economy; and

12 WHEREAS, The states of Washington and Oregon have chosen greatly
13 different tax systems whereby Oregon taxes income and Washington taxes
14 consumption; and

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

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

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

1 WHEREAS, The amount of income taxes paid by Washington residents to
2 Oregon greatly exceeds the cost of public services they receive from
3 Oregon;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully urge the Legislature
5 of the State of Oregon to ensure fair tax treatment of Washington
6 residents working in Oregon by reducing the Oregon income tax to a
7 level commensurate with services received by these Washington
8 residents.

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

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