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By Senators Snyder and Winsley

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1 TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
2 AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

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, There is currently pending before the 107th United States
9 Congress legislation to reform and improve railroad retirement system;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, This proposed legislation, the "Railroad Retirement and
12 Survivor's Improvement Act" would modernize the administration and
13 financing of the railroad retirement system and thereby benefit nearly
14 three-quarters of a million beneficiaries, including over thirteen
15 thousand beneficiaries in Washington State; and

16 WHEREAS, The legislation would provide tax relief for the nation's
17 passenger and freight railroads and improve benefits for the surviving
18 spouses of rail workers; and

19 WHEREAS, The improvements sought in this legislation have the
20 support of railroad management, labor organizations, and retiree
21 representatives; and

1 WHEREAS, The improvements in the system will be financed by the
2 railroad industry's employers and employees, requiring no taxpayer
3 contributions; and

4 WHEREAS, In the 106th Congress, this legislation benefited from
5 broad-based, bipartisan support in both the United States House of
6 Representatives and United States Senate;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully urge favorable
8 consideration of this legislation by the United States Congress and the
9 President of the United States.

10 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
11 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
12 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
13 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
14 Washington.

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