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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, The federal tax reform act of 1986 put additional
9 financial stress on the taxpayers of the state of Washington by
10 eliminating the retail sales tax deduction; and
11   WHEREAS, Taxpayers in other states may deduct major state taxes in
12 determining federal income tax; and
13   WHEREAS, Taxpayers of the state of Washington would realize
14 substantial reductions in federal tax burdens if they could deduct
15 retail sales taxes; and
16   WHEREAS, Congress is in the process of considering tax reduction
17 proposals; and
18   WHEREAS, Congress could easily relieve the burden on taxpayers of
19 the state of Washington by restoring the full retail sales tax
20 deduction;

1   NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the United
2 States Congress restore the deduction of retail sales tax under the
3 federal income tax.
4   BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
5 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
6 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
7 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
8 Washington.

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