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By House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Ericksen, Kessler, Haler, O'Brien, Talcott, Chase, Dickerson and B. Sullivan)

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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, AND TO THE SECRETARY OF THE
5 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

6 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
7 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
8 represent and petition as follows:

9 WHEREAS, Obtaining federal funding for the implementation of a
10 magnetic levitation transportation system would greatly improve the
11 movement of persons and freight in the state of Washington; and

12 WHEREAS, The new transportation system would create new jobs in the
13 state of Washington; and

14 WHEREAS, The new transportation system would increase freight
15 mobility by allowing goods and freight to bypass congested roadways and
16 get to the ports faster; and

17 WHEREAS, The new transportation system would allow the state of
18 Washington to move persons faster and reduce congestion on Washington
19 state roadways; and

1 WHEREAS, The new transportation system would increase the
2 reliability and dependability of mass transit since magnetic levitation
3 is not affected by weather; and

4 WHEREAS, The state of Washington has led the world in advancements
5 in aerospace and technology; and

6 WHEREAS, Washington is committed to moving transportation into the
7 twenty-first century; and

8 WHEREAS, Washington's leaders are committed to implementing a
9 visionary system for moving people and goods between and within
10 regions; and

11 WHEREAS, Washington has the skilled workers and the production
12 facilities to cost-effectively build and implement an elevated magnetic
13 levitation monorail system; and

14 WHEREAS, Washington has formed a ten member task force of
15 legislative leaders to select a location for initial implementation;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Washington is sponsoring a statewide concept development
18 competition for the master planning of an integrated magnetic
19 levitation transportation system for the movement of people and
20 freight;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully request that the
22 United States Department of Transportation consider the state of
23 Washington as a candidate for federal funding for the implementation of
24 a visionary magnetic levitation concept with implementing pilot
25 projects in the state of Washington.

26 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
27 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
28 States, the Secretary of the United States Department of
29 Transportation, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker
30 of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the
31 State of Washington.

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