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By Senators Benton, Carrell, Benson, Delvin, Schoesler, Stevens and Mulliken

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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, Under tax relief legislation passed in 2001, the death tax
9 was temporarily phased out, but not permanently eliminated; and

10 WHEREAS, Farmers and other small business owners will face losing
11 their farms and businesses if the federal government resumes the heavy
12 taxation of citizens at death; and

13 WHEREAS, This is a tax that is particularly damaging to families
14 who are working their way up the ladder and trying to accumulate wealth
15 for the first time; and

16 WHEREAS, Employees suffer layoffs when small and medium businesses
17 are liquidated to pay death taxes; and

18 WHEREAS, If the death tax had been repealed in 1996, the United
19 States economy would have realized billions of dollars each year in

1 extra output and an average of 145,000 additional new jobs would have
2 been created; and

3 WHEREAS, Having repeatedly passed in Congress, the repeal of the
4 death tax holds wide bipartisan support;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully request that
6 Congress permanently repeal the death tax; and

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

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