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By Senators Morton, McCaslin, Mulliken, Stevens, Delvin, Deccio, Parlette, Schoesler, Swecker, Honeyford and Kline

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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 United States Constitution, Article IV, section 3  
9            states in part that "... no new state shall be formed or erected within  
10           the jurisdiction of any other state; nor any state be formed by the  
11           junction of two or more states, or parts of states, without the consent  
12           of the legislatures of the states concerned as well as of the  
13           congress."; and

14           WHEREAS, Since statehood, the lifestyles, culture, and economies of  
15           Eastern and Western Washington have been very distinct and dramatically  
16           different, while the urbanization and rapid growth in the western  
17           portions of the state has progressively heightened this divergence of  
18           cultural and economic values between the western and eastern portions  
19           of the state; and

1           WHEREAS, That portion of the state from the crest of the Cascade  
2 Mountains east to the existing state border has sought and desired to  
3 become a separate and independent state; and

4           WHEREAS, The legislators of the State of Washington do agree with  
5 and consent to that desire to create a new state from the territory  
6 herein mentioned;

7           NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
8 Congress of the United States consent to the formation of a new state  
9 whose western boundary follows the crest of the Cascade Mountains and  
10 the western borders of Okanogan, Chelan, Kittitas, Yakima, and  
11 Klickitat counties, and whose eastern, northern, and southern  
12 boundaries are the existing state borders.

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

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