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By Senators Benton, Honeyford 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, Tax fairness between Washington and Oregon is a major
9 issue which impacts the lives of over 60,000 Washington residents who
10 work in Oregon and pay Oregon income tax; and

11 WHEREAS, These same Washington residents also pay Washington state
12 sales tax, in effect, paying taxes twice, while Oregon residents are
13 exempt from Washington sales tax; and

14 WHEREAS, Requiring Washington residents working in Oregon to pay
15 Oregon income tax is taxation without representation since these
16 residents cannot vote in Oregon, nor do they have any say as to how
17 their tax dollars are spent; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2001 Senator Don Benton sponsored Senate Joint Memorial
19 8008, which passed unanimously, creating a joint committee between
20 Washington and Oregon to address tax fairness issues; and

1 WHEREAS, The state of Oregon has ignored the unanimously passed
2 Joint Memorial and refused to come to the negotiating table; and
3 WHEREAS, Senator Maria Cantwell and Representative Brian Baird have
4 introduced the Nonresident Income Tax Freedom Act of 2005, which would
5 prohibit a state from imposing a discriminatory tax on income earned
6 within the state by nonresidents of the state; and
7 WHEREAS, This act would remedy the unfair taxation of Washington
8 State residents who work in Oregon and Idaho;
9 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully request that
10 Congress pass the Nonresident Income Tax Freedom Act of 2005.
11 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
12 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
13 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
14 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
15 Washington.

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