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By Senators Schoesler, Morton, Delvin 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, The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, P.L. 108-
9 447, allows the federal land management agencies to charge access fees
10 for recreational use of federally managed public lands by the general
11 public; and

12 WHEREAS, These public lands access fees have been highly
13 controversial and are opposed by hundreds of organizations and county
14 governments, by three state legislatures, and by millions of rural
15 Americans; and

16 WHEREAS, The Act fundamentally changes the way America's public
17 lands are funded and managed; and

18 WHEREAS, The Act includes harsh criminal penalties out of
19 proportion to the harm caused by failing to comply with its provisions;
20 and

1 WHEREAS, Federal policies regarding management of public lands have
2 a profound impact on the well-being of the citizens of Washington and
3 changes to those policies should be conducted in an open public forum;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The Act was never approved by the United States House, was
6 never introduced, never had hearings, and was never approved by the
7 United States Senate, but was instead attached to an omnibus spending
8 bill as an appropriations rider;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully request the Congress
10 of the United States to repeal the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement
11 Act, P.L. 108-447.

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

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