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By Representatives DeBolt and Short

1 TO THE HONORABLE BARACK OBAMA, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND
2 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
5 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, Congress enacted Vision 100 - the Century of Aviation
10 Reauthorization Act in 2003 and directed the secretary of
11 transportation to establish the joint planning and development office
12 within the federal aviation administration to plan and coordinate the
13 transition to NextGen, the next generation air transportation system;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, To prepare for forecasted air traffic growth, the federal
16 aviation administration, including the joint planning and development
17 office and air traffic organization is currently planning for and
18 implementing NextGen in partnership with other federal agencies and the
19 aviation industry; and

1 WHEREAS, The United States air transportation system presently
2 handles about 50,000 flights over a twenty-four hour period and by
3 2025, air traffic is projected to increase to about 80,000 flights
4 every twenty-four hours; and

5 WHEREAS, The joint planning and development office has released
6 plans for the midterm implementation of NextGen capabilities from 2012
7 through 2018; and

8 WHEREAS, The federal aviation administration has requested 657
9 million dollars of funding in fiscal years 2010 through 2013 for
10 NextGen research; and

11 WHEREAS, The general accounting office has identified issues
12 related to the usefulness of NextGen planning documents and the federal
13 aviation administration's organization structure to manage the
14 transition to NextGen; and

15 WHEREAS, Implementation of NextGen capabilities depends in part on
16 airlines acquiring existing and new capabilities, and some airline
17 operators have already acquired some of the technology to operate with
18 NextGen capabilities; and

19 WHEREAS, Quicker implementation of NextGen capabilities will
20 improve the safety and efficiency of air travel and lead to fuel
21 savings and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that Congress
23 and the President will work to expedite implementation of NextGen
24 capabilities to modernize and improve the nation's air transportation
25 system.

26 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
27 transmitted to the Honorable Barack Obama, 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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