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**By** Representatives Liias, Driscoll, Johnson, Kirby, Wallace, Eddy, Maxwell, Williams, Hunt, White, Nelson, Seaquist, Walsh, Linville, Ericks, Orwall, Kagi, Wood, Van De Wege, Green, Cody, Darneille, Haigh, Morrell, Blake, Takko, Dickerson, Dunshee, Upthegrove, Kessler, Hudgins, Pedersen, Simpson, Goodman, Sells, O'Brien, Kenney, Rolfes, Springer, Hasegawa, Appleton, Kelley, Miloscia, Hope, Pettigrew, Priest, Warnick, McCune, Chase, Moeller, Campbell, Probst, Finn, Carlyle, Conway, and Clibborn

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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:

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 state of Washington imposes a sales tax rather than a  
9 state income tax; and

10           WHEREAS, Six other states impose a sales tax with little or no  
11 state income tax; and

12           WHEREAS, The federal tax code allows a deduction for state income  
13 taxes, resulting in a disadvantage for taxpayers in states that do not  
14 impose an income tax; and

15           WHEREAS, For the past several years, taxpayers have been given the  
16 choice of deducting their state income tax or a state sales tax on  
17 their federal returns; and

18           WHEREAS, The impact of this tax break amounts to a reduction in  
19 taxable income by two billion two hundred ninety million dollars, or  
20 about two thousand three hundred fifty dollars per return; and

1       WHEREAS, This tax break helps families and, ultimately, grows local  
2 economies;

3       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
4 deduction for states' sales tax be continued and adopted as a permanent  
5 tax deduction.

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

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