

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 4014** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Representatives Kessler, DeBolt, and Orcutt

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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, AND TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE
5 SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION:

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, The trucking industry provides the backbone of our
10 nation's retail economy; and

11 WHEREAS, The trucking industry is suffering the effects of record
12 fuel costs in 2008; and

13 WHEREAS, Approximately three thousand transportation-related
14 businesses filed for bankruptcy last year, taking nearly five percent
15 of the nation's trucking capacity off the road; and

16 WHEREAS, Some truckers are forced to choose between paying for
17 safety repairs and filling the gas tank, and others are being forced
18 out of business; and

19 WHEREAS, House Resolution 6922 would help stabilize the trucking

1 industry and the sectors of the economy that rely on the trucking
2 industry; and

3 WHEREAS, The United States small business administration would be
4 authorized to make emergency loans to assist eligible small businesses;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Emergency loans of up to \$250,000 would be available for
7 small trucking businesses that have suffered or are likely to suffer
8 substantial economic injury as the result of increases in fuel prices;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Emergency loans could be used by small trucking businesses
11 for working capital, upgrades necessary to meet environmental
12 standards, maintenance and repair to ensure safe operations, and
13 enhanced training;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the United
15 States Congress enact House Resolution 6922 of 2008 or substantially
16 similar legislation that amends the small business act, provides low-
17 interest loans to small businesses providing transportation services,
18 and assists these small businesses in dealing with high motor fuel
19 prices.

20 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
21 transmitted to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United
22 States, the Administrator of the United States Small Business
23 Administration, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker
24 of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the
25 State of Washington.

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