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By Senators Regala, Hargrove, Brandland, Kohl-Welles, Stevens, Shin, Carrell, Hatfield, Jacobsen, Ranker, Oemig, Eide, Marr, McDermott, Haugen, Hobbs, Kilmer, Kline, Berkey, Kauffman, Prentice, Tom, Gordon, Fraser, McAuliffe, Franklin, and Keiser

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 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND  
5 CHAIRPERSON OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR ADULT OFFENDER  
6 SUPERVISION:

7 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of  
8 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully  
9 represent and petition as follows:

10 WHEREAS, The state of Washington is an active and participating  
11 member of the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision and  
12 has supported the terms of the Interstate Compact since 1937; and

13 WHEREAS, The state of Washington suffered a grievous loss when four  
14 police officers were killed by an offender under the supervision of the  
15 state who had been transferred to Washington state under the terms of  
16 the Interstate Compact; and

17 WHEREAS, The public safety of the citizens of the state of  
18 Washington are of the utmost concern and importance to this body; and

19 WHEREAS, The state of Washington has grave concerns about

1 continuing to operate under the terms of the Interstate Compact without  
2 the tools to adequately protect its citizens; and

3 WHEREAS, The existing rules and processes in the Interstate Compact  
4 do not provide the receiving state with sufficient information and  
5 authority to adequately supervise and address the violative behavior of  
6 an offender transferred to the receiving state under the terms of the  
7 compact;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
9 Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision immediately  
10 initiate its emergency rule-making process to consider and adopt rule  
11 amendments that will provide the receiving state with all information  
12 known to the sending state about the criminal history and behavior of  
13 an offender whose transfer is sought, and to vest the receiving state  
14 with the authority to determine when the receiving state can no longer  
15 safely supervise an offender and the offender must be returned to the  
16 sending state or, in the alternative, that these issues be addressed  
17 through federal legislation.

18 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
19 transmitted to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United  
20 States, the Executive Director and Chairperson of the Interstate  
21 Commission for Adult Offender Supervision, the President of the United  
22 States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each  
23 member of Congress from the State of Washington.

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