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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 growing federal budget deficit threatens the  
9 development and vitality of the economy of the United States, the  
10 functioning of the federal and state governments, the fiscal health of  
11 our communities, and the continuation of the government services and  
12 programs necessary to ensure the well-being of the people of this state  
13 and this nation; and

14 WHEREAS, The reduction of the federal deficit requires that the  
15 President of the United States and Congress work together to create an  
16 efficient legislative process for the identification and rescission of  
17 budgetary requests that are excessive or unnecessary; and

18 WHEREAS, The Governor of the State of Washington has been granted  
19 the authority to veto individual budgetary items proposed by the state

1 legislature and in the exercise of this authority has succeeded in  
2 reducing unnecessary spending at the state level; and

3 WHEREAS, United States Senate Bill S.102, the "Reduce Unnecessary  
4 Spending Act of 2011," creates an expedited legislative procedure by  
5 which the President can review congressional legislation, identify  
6 those budgetary items that should be rescinded, and return the  
7 legislation to Congress for further consideration of the fiscal impacts  
8 of such legislation and the President's rescission proposals; and

9 WHEREAS, The expedited budgetary rescission procedure set forth in  
10 Senate Bill S.102 will significantly improve the budgetary decision  
11 making of the executive and legislative branches of the federal  
12 government by subjecting proposed legislation to an additional layer of  
13 fiscal scrutiny;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that Congress  
15 pass Senate Bill S.102, the "Reduce Unnecessary Spending Act of 2011,"  
16 and thus take a major step towards making budgetary decisions that will  
17 more effectively address the serious fiscal and economic issues  
18 currently being faced by our governmental institutions and the people  
19 of the United States.

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 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the  
23 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of  
24 Washington.

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