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By Representatives Shea and Taylor

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1            TO THE HONORABLE BARACK OBAMA, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,  
2 AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
4 THE 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,  
7 respectfully represent and petition as follows:

8            WHEREAS, The United States Constitution, Article IV, section 3  
9 states in part that "no new states shall be formed or erected within  
10 the jurisdiction of any other state; nor any state be formed by the  
11 junction of two or more states, or parts of states, without the  
12 consent of the legislatures of the states concerned as well as of the  
13 congress."; and

14            WHEREAS, Since statehood, the lifestyles, culture, and economies  
15 of eastern and western Washington have been very distinct and  
16 dramatically different, while the urbanization and rapid growth in  
17 the western portions of the state has progressively heightened this  
18 divergence of cultural and economic values between the western and  
19 eastern portions of the state; and

20            WHEREAS, That portion of the state from the crest of the Cascade  
21 mountains east to the existing state border has sought and desired to  
22 become a separate and independent state; and

1       WHEREAS, The legislators of the state of Washington do agree with  
2 and consent to that desire to create a new state from the territory  
3 herein mentioned;

4       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
5 Congress of the United States consent to the formation of a new state  
6 whose western boundary follows the crest of the Cascade mountains and  
7 the western borders of Okanogan, Chelan, Kittitas, Yakima, and  
8 Klickitat counties, and whose eastern, northern, and southern  
9 boundaries are the existing state borders.

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

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