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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 transatlantic economy is the largest in the world,  
9 encompassing nearly 50 percent of global gross domestic product, and  
10 the United States-European Union High Level Working Group on Jobs and  
11 Growth has called for an agreement to remove constraints to economic  
12 growth between the United States and the European Union, resulting in  
13 discussion of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership; and

14 WHEREAS, Growth of emerging marketplaces across the globe  
15 continues to decrease the share of global gross domestic product  
16 attributable to the transatlantic economy; and

17 WHEREAS, Expansion of global trade, especially with member  
18 nations of the European Union, is of vital importance to the growth  
19 of the economy of the United States, small business participation in  
20 the international marketplace, and job creation; and

21 WHEREAS, Washington state would benefit greatly from the  
22 ratification of a comprehensive Transatlantic Trade and Investment  
23 Partnership, which would create an estimated 17,140 jobs for

1 Washingtonians as a direct result of loosening current burdens on  
2 trade and free markets; and

3 WHEREAS, The European Union purchased Washington goods worth an  
4 estimated \$8.3 billion, which accounted for 13 percent of  
5 Washington's total exported goods in 2012, and services worth \$8.5  
6 billion, which accounted for 32 percent of Washington's total  
7 exported services in that same year; and

8 WHEREAS, The successful implementation of the Transatlantic Trade  
9 and Investment Partnership will increase exports to the European  
10 Union from Washington state by an estimated 25.8 percent; and

11 WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States of America grants  
12 the Congress of the United States sole authority in regulating  
13 commerce with foreign nations; and

14 WHEREAS, The negotiation of a successful Transatlantic Trade and  
15 Investment Partnership will necessarily be a bipartisan cooperation  
16 between state, federal, and foreign governments;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that there be  
18 a successful negotiation by the Executive Branch of a mutually  
19 beneficial Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership between the  
20 United States and the European Union, and that it be ratified by the  
21 United States Congress.

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

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