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By Senator Rivers

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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 2015 Agreement on Land, Rail, Marine, and Air
9 Transport Preclearance was signed by the United States and Canada as
10 part of the Beyond the Border Action Plan and reaffirmed the joint
11 commitment between the United States and Canada to enhance security
12 while facilitating lawful travel and trade; and

13 WHEREAS, The preclearance agreement gives United States Customs
14 and Border Protection and Canada Border Services Agency officials the
15 authority to conduct border security and inspections in the other
16 country prior to departure; and

17 WHEREAS, Making cross-border transit more efficient for business
18 travel, tour operators, and independent leisure travelers, when the
19 preclearance agreement is implemented, will greatly enhance
20 competitiveness of the Pacific Northwest's fifty-five billion dollar
21 regional travel and tourism sector; and

22 WHEREAS, As business and leisure travel itineraries become
23 increasingly multimodal and the demand for Two Nation Vacations grows

1 in the Pacific Rim market, efficient execution of the preclearance
2 agreement will be a positive signal to the investment and business
3 climate in Washington State and British Columbia;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that Congress
5 expedite a bill presently in Congress that gives the United States
6 extraterritorial jurisdiction over preclearance officers in Canada in
7 order to implement the 2015 Agreement on Land, Rail, Marine, and Air
8 Transport Preclearance.

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

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