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1 TO THE HONORABLE DONALD TRUMP, 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 Postal Service handles 40 percent of
9 the world's mail, totaling more than 150 billion pieces processed
10 annually; and

11 WHEREAS, Revenue from first-class mail, the main source of
12 revenue for the post office, increased by 3.7 percent in the last
13 three months of 2014 compared to the previous year, and overall
14 revenues grew by 4.3 percent; and

15 WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service eliminated overnight
16 delivery of local first-class mail across the country, effective
17 January 5, 2015; and

18 WHEREAS, Correspondence, invoices, bill payments, and other mail
19 will now take, on average, two days for local delivery instead of
20 one; and

21 WHEREAS, This change in delivery standards may impact 15,000
22 workers and result in the closure of mail processing operations in
23 Tacoma, Wenatchee, and Redmond; and

1 WHEREAS, Elections and ballot initiatives can be decided by a few
2 hundred or thousand votes and this change will impact state and local
3 elections in Washington State by delaying, by one day, mailed ballots
4 in contested elections; and

5 WHEREAS, One hundred three members of the United States House of
6 Representatives, including Representative Suzan DelBene of
7 Washington, cosponsored H.R. 784, the "Protect Overnight Delivery
8 Act," which was introduced in the 114th Congress and would remove the
9 service standards introduced by the United States Postal Service in
10 2015 and restore the previous standard;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that Congress
12 preserve and protect United States mail service as a valuable and
13 cherished public resource across the state, including six-day mail
14 service to all Washington state addressees, which is managed,
15 operated, and directly accountable to the people of the United
16 States.

17 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
18 transmitted to the Honorable Donald Trump, President of the United
19 States, the Postmaster General of the United States, the Board of
20 Governors of the United States Postal Service, the President of the
21 United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
22 and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

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