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**By** Senators Schmidt, T. Sheldon, Shin, Hale, B. Sheldon and McAuliffe

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1            TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH, 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 THE  
4            UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE WASHINGTON STATE  
5            CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, AND TO SECRETARY DONALD L. EVANS OF THE U.S.  
6            COMMERCE DEPARTMENT:

7            We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of  
8            the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully  
9            represent and petition as follows:

10           WHEREAS, Manufacturing has provided our citizens with living wage  
11           jobs, benefits, and a higher standard of living; and

12           WHEREAS, Small manufacturers are the backbone of manufacturing  
13           employment in the United States; and

14           WHEREAS, U.S. manufacturing has faced serious competition from  
15           overseas manufacturers; and

16           WHEREAS, The United States has lost nearly 2.7 million  
17           manufacturing jobs over the past three years; and

18           WHEREAS, The loss of manufacturing jobs in the United States has  
19           become a critical concern to our citizens and economic well-being; and

1           WHEREAS, The Manufacturing Extension Partnership supports our small  
2 manufacturers' competitive advantages: Innovation and productivity;  
3 and

4           WHEREAS, Our Manufacturing Extension Partnership, the Washington  
5 Manufacturing Services, has assisted over 800 manufacturers in  
6 Washington to become more efficient and competitive; and

7           WHEREAS, In 2002 Washington Manufacturing Services projects  
8 produced an annual cost savings to Washington state manufacturers of an  
9 average of \$8.5 million and an increase of product sales of \$45  
10 million; and

11           WHEREAS, The impact of these projects has created \$2.7 million in  
12 state revenue and \$5 million in federal revenue; and

13           WHEREAS, The proposed federal cut to the Manufacturing Extension  
14 Partnership from \$109 million to \$39 million--nearly two-thirds of its  
15 current funding--will cripple the one federal program specifically  
16 designed to help manufacturers; and

17           WHEREAS, This budget reduction will leave Manufacturing Extension  
18 Partnerships struggling to serve thousands of small manufacturers who  
19 rely on their assistance each year;

20           NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully urge Congress to  
21 fully restore funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership  
22 program in the fiscal year 2004 appropriation.

23           BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
24 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United  
25 States, the Washington state congressional delegation and Secretary  
26 Donald L. Evans of the U.S. Commerce Department, the President of the  
27 United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and  
28 each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

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