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Speaker of the House of Representatives

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8008** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senators Brown, Hewitt, Kohl-Welles, Holmquist Newbry, Conway, Parlette, Fraser, Kilmer, White, and Hatfield

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1 TO THE HONORABLE BARACK OBAMA, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND
2 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 SECRETARY OF THE
5 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR:

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

9 WHEREAS, Throughout the current economic downturn, Washington State
10 has been able to provide millions of dollars of unemployment insurance
11 benefits to hundreds of thousands of unemployed workers in the state
12 without sacrificing the solvency of the state's unemployment insurance
13 trust fund; and

14 WHEREAS, Washington has managed the state's unemployment insurance
15 trust fund in an exceptionally prudent and responsible manner, allowing
16 the state to fully pay unemployment insurance benefits without seeking
17 a loan from the federal unemployment account; and

18 WHEREAS, As of February 9, 2011, thirty states and one territory
19 have outstanding loans from the federal unemployment account totaling
20 over 42 billion dollars; and

1 WHEREAS, Federal and state unemployment insurance taxes in states
2 with outstanding loans must be raised significantly to pay back the
3 federal unemployment account loans and interest due on the loans; and

4 WHEREAS, Current legislative proposals seek various changes to
5 unemployment loan repayment provisions, including allowing states with
6 outstanding loans to forego or delay interest payments; and

7 WHEREAS, Providing relief from interest and other payments in
8 states that have failed to adequately fund their unemployment insurance
9 trust fund and borrowed from the federal unemployment account has the
10 effect of penalizing Washington state and Washington state unemployment
11 tax paying employers who have maintained a healthy and solvent trust
12 fund throughout the economic recession;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully request that the
14 United States Department of Labor provide federal unemployment tax
15 relief to Washington state unemployment tax paying employers, and a
16 financial benefit to the state's unemployment insurance trust fund
17 equal to any benefit provided to states that borrowed from the federal
18 unemployment account.

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

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