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By Senators Lias, C. Wilson, Dhingra, Keiser, Lovick, and Rolfes

1 TO THE HONORABLE JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
2 STATES, AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE
3 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF 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, According to the Washington Traffic Safety Commission,
9 traffic accidents caused 2,580 deaths between 2016 and 2020; and

10 WHEREAS, From 2007 to 2016, speeding-related crashes caused
11 111,580 motor vehicle deaths, which accounted for 37 percent of
12 traffic fatalities in Washington State and 31 percent of all traffic
13 fatalities during the years mentioned; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2020, traffic deaths had risen to the highest amount
15 since 2007 despite there being a 13.2 percent decrease in miles
16 driven in the same year; and

17 WHEREAS, Speeding increases the fatality of traffic accidents and
18 causes a greater danger to pedestrians and those in other vehicles;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, The significant increases in traffic-related deaths
21 since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic have inspired the United
22 States Department of Transportation to create the Department's first
23 National Roadway Safety Strategy, which will produce a comprehensive

1 plan aimed at reducing serious injuries and deaths caused by traffic
2 accidents; and

3 WHEREAS, Intelligent speed adaptation (ISA) technology refers to
4 the vehicular use of Global Positioning Systems to track speed limits
5 on roads and notify the driver; and

6 WHEREAS, In a trial from the Centre for Road Safety of New South
7 Wales, Australia, when ISA technology was implemented, speeding was
8 reduced in 89 percent of vehicles, and the median probability of
9 speeding was reduced by 30 percent; and

10 WHEREAS, Based on multiple studies showing that the use of ISA
11 technology will significantly reduce the number of accidents and
12 deaths, the European Union decided to mandate that all new motor
13 vehicles built in member countries after July of 2022 include ISA
14 technology; and

15 WHEREAS, The implementation of ISA technology will significantly
16 reduce speeding and increase road safety in the United States;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully urge members of
18 the United States Congress to enact federal legislation mandating the
19 use of intelligent speed adaptation technology in all new motor
20 vehicles.

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

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