

## Resolution Against Permanent Tax Cuts for Richest

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3 **WHEREAS** the federal government is obliged to aid America's poor and to protect  
4 America's environment and natural and human resources, but funding to do so is  
5 nearing depletion; and

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7 **WHEREAS** the tax cuts targeting America's riches 1-2% have been enacted for a  
8 temporary period do to automatically expire in the year 2010; and

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10 **WHEREAS** the above-referenced tax cuts place an increased tax burden on the other  
11 American citizens, especially the poor and middle class at a time when the federal  
12 government is spending more than ever in history; and

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14 **WHEREAS** the current Republican federal administration considers America to be in a  
15 protracted war against terror for an indefinite period, a circumstance that traditionally  
16 requires all segments of the country's population to sacrifice for the common cause  
17 according to their means; and

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19 **WHEREAS** the poor and middle class families of America have family members in the  
20 armed forces of the United State in disproportionate numbers compared to the families  
21 of America's richest 1-2%, and are sacrificing these family members as well as paying a  
22 disproportionate share of federal tax; and

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24 **WHEREAS** the current Republican federal administration has increased the national  
25 debt to an all-time high contrary to a consensus of professional advice that paying  
26 down the national debt should be a high priority; and

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28 **WHEREAS** to continue its huge spending for an ill-advised military adventure in Iraq  
29 the current Republican federal administration has borrowed money from countries it  
30 has identified as a potential future threat to American interests, with the result that such  
31 countries could hold the American economy and foreign policy hostage; and

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33 **WHEREAS** future generations of Americans will be burdened with an enormous debt  
34 to which the current Republican federal administration has committed them; and

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36 **WHEREAS** advocates of giving a tax cut to America's richest 1-2% claim that this  
37 would increase their investment in the economy, but these same people work toward a  
38 world market while investing, to a large and growing extent, in more profitable foreign  
39 markets at the expense of the American economy; and

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41 **WHEREAS** the beneficial effects any investment of these private individuals might  
42 make to the American economy is diluted by the "trickle-down" method rather than  
43 going to programs that aid the poor and middle class directly; and

44 **WHEREAS** it is difficult to track any beneficial economic effects of private investment  
45 to specific groups of citizens who most desperately need assistance or to find how  
46 much, if any, such investment has “trickled down” to this population; and  
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48 **WHEREAS** the rich citizens who have benefited directly from these tax cuts convert  
49 their financial power to political power and arrange many ways to further avoid taxes;  
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52 **WHEREAS** the greater spending power of those rich citizens who have benefited  
53 directly from these tax cuts results in an inefficient use of common national and world  
54 resources, causing greater consumption of these resources, pollution and degradation of  
55 the environment; and  
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57 **WHEREAS** the current Republican federal administration and its rich supporters  
58 advocate a “pay-as-you-go” approach to national services, and common resources  
59 whereby an individual pays for the service or resource as they use it, but the group of  
60 citizens effecting the greater environmental and cultural impact pay a  
61 disproportionately smaller share of the real cost to the environment and natural  
62 resource depletion; and  
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64 **WHEREAS** common sense and normal morality dictate that those who can most afford  
65 to pay their share and who take a disproportionate advantage of federal services and  
66 consume a disproportionate share of natural resources should pay a greater share of our  
67 common costs;  
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69 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Party urges the  
70 Washington State federal Congressional Delegation to exercise every effort in opposing  
71 a proposal to make permanent the tax cut for the country’s richest 1-2% of its citizens.  
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74 Submitted by Whatcom County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Party  
75 for consideration at its June 3, 2006 convention in Yakima, WA (Date Submitted  
76 05/03/2006)  
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78 The Washington State Democratic Party at its State Convention on June 3, 2006 in  
79 Yakima referred this resolution to the WSDCC Resolutions Committee for review at its  
80 September 9 - 10, 2006 meeting in Ellensburg.  
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82 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee recommended a “Pass” on this resolution at its  
83 September 10, 2006 meeting in Ellensburg. The resolution will be forwarded to the  
84 WSDCC at its next meeting on September 29 - 30, 2006 in Tacoma.  
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86 The WSDCC passed this resolution at its September 30, 2006 meeting in Tacoma.