

1                   **A Resolution Concerning a Revenue Solution**  
2                   **to the Washington State Budget Deficit**

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4   **WHEREAS** our platform states that Democratic values include health care for all, high-  
5   quality public education, the elimination of poverty, the end of homelessness and the  
6   achievement of justice for all;

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8   **WHEREAS** Washington State is facing a \$2.6 billion shortfall in the 2010 supplemental  
9   budget;

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11   **WHEREAS** cutting another \$2.6 billion from the 2009-2011 bi-annual budget would  
12   result in:

- 13       • Over 65,000 people losing access to affordable health insurance;
- 14       • 16,000 children losing health insurance coverage;
- 15       • Over 20,000 people unable to work due to disability losing financial and medical  
16       assistance;
- 17       • 12,300 students from lower income families losing an important source of  
18       financial aid;
- 19       • 10,000 working families per month losing child care assistance;
- 20       • 1,500 three-year-olds losing access to early learning opportunities;

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22   **WHEREAS** the damage from cutting another \$2.6 billion to our education system,  
23   health care infrastructure, public safety, and environmental protections would impact  
24   all Washingtonians;

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26   **WHEREAS** when presenting her "all-cuts" budget Gov. Gregoire stated, "This  
27   document is not true to the values I believe in and which have guided me through a 30-  
28   year career in public service"; and

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30   **WHEREAS** Democratic leaders in the House and Senate joined the Governor in calling  
31   for new taxes to help close the budget gap;

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33   **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Central  
34   Committee urges the legislature and Gov. Christine Gregoire to explore all revenue  
35   solutions, and to find a revenue solution to the \$2.6 billion shortfall in the 2010  
36   supplemental budget; and

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38   **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any regressive revenue solution be  
39   accompanied with a mechanism to mitigate the adverse effects such an increase would  
40   have on low income families and individuals.

43 Submitted by the 37<sup>th</sup> LD Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central  
44 Committee for consideration at its January 30, 2010 meeting in Seattle. (Date Submitted  
45 1/21/2010)

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47 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND  
48 RECOMMENDED A PASS" at its January 30, 2010 meeting in Seattle.

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50 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its January 30, 2010 meeting in Seattle.