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January 6, 2016

The Honorable Karen Haas
Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives
U.S. Capitol, Room H154
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam Clerk,

Pursuant to section 3(c) of House Resolution 5 (114th Congress), I hereby designate the attached Memorial from the State of Kansas, received by the House of Representatives in the year 2016, as purporting to be an application of the State legislature calling for a convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States pursuant to Article V, and request that you make it publicly available.

Sincerely,



Bob Goodlatte
Chairman

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STATE TRANSACTS

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 196

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION requesting and applying to the Congress of the United States to propose, or to call a convention for the purpose of proposing, an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which shall require that, in the absence of a statutorily defined national emergency, total federal appropriations shall not exceed total estimated federal revenues in a fiscal year.

WHEREAS, Annually the United States moves more deeply in debt as its expenditures exceed its available revenues and the public debt now exceeds hundreds of billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, Annually the federal budget demonstrates the unwillingness or inability of the federal government to deal in conformity with available revenues; and

WHEREAS, Proper planning, fiscal prudence and plain good sense require that the federal budget be in balance absent national emergency; and

WHEREAS, A continuously unbalanced federal budget except in a national emergency causes continuous and damaging inflation and consequently a severe threat to the political and economic stability of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Under Article V of the Constitution of the United States, amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by the Congress whenever two-thirds of both Houses deem it necessary or, on the application of the Legislatures of two-thirds of the states, the Congress shall call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing amendments. Now, therefore

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected to the Senate and two-thirds of the members elected to the House of Representatives, concurring therein: That the Congress of the United States is hereby requested to propose and submit to the states an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which would require that, within five years after its ratification by the states, there be, in the absence of a national emergency, the total of all appropriations made by the Congress for a fiscal year shall not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for such fiscal year; and

Be it further resolved: That alternatively, the Legislature of the State of Kansas hereby makes application to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the purpose and to propose, for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which would require that, in the absence of a national emergency, the total of all appropriations made by the Congress for a fiscal year shall not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for such fiscal year; if the Congress shall propose such an amendment to the Constitution, this application shall no longer be of any force or effect; and

Be it further resolved: That the Legislature of each of the other states in the Union is hereby urged to request and apply to the Congress to propose, or to call a convention for the purpose and exclusive purpose of proposing, such an amendment to the Constitution; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States

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Senate, each member of the Kansas delegation in the United States Congress and the secretary of state and presiding officers of each house of the legislature of each state

Thereby certify that the above CONCURRENT RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE and was adopted by that body

March 7, 1978

Russ O. Doyen
President of the Senate

Lee H. Hunsley
Secretary of the Senate

Adopted by the House April 26, 1978

John Carlin
Speaker of the House

Genevieve Lewis
Chief Clerk of the House

the Kansas legislature, as here and before modified shall become effective as modified on May 1, 1978.

Be it further resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Kansas Commission on Civil Rights.

Adopted by the House April 26, 1978.

Adopted by the Senate April 25, 1978.

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1661

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION requesting and applying to the Congress of the United States to propose, or to call a convention for the purpose of proposing, an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which would require that, in the absence of a statutorily defined national emergency, total federal appropriations shall not exceed total estimated federal revenues in a fiscal year.

WHEREAS, Annually the United States moves more deeply in debt as its expenditures exceed its available revenues and the public debt now exceeds hundreds of billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, Annually the federal budget demonstrates the unwillingness or inability of the federal government to spend in conformity with available revenues; and

WHEREAS, Proper planning, fiscal prudence and plain good sense require that the federal budget be in balance absent national emergency; and

WHEREAS, A continuously unbalanced federal budget except in a national emergency causes continuous and damaging inflation and consequently a severe threat to the political and economic stability of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Under Article V of the Constitution of the United States, amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by the Congress whenever two-thirds of both Houses deem it necessary or, on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the states, the Congress shall call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing amendments: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected to the Senate and two-thirds of the members elected to the House of Representatives concurring therein: That the Congress of the United States is hereby requested to propose and submit to the states an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which would require that within five years after its ratification by the various states, in the

absence of a national emergency, the total of all appropriations made by the Congress for a fiscal year shall not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for such fiscal year; and

Be it further resolved: That, alternatively, the Legislature of the State of Kansas hereby makes application to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the sole and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which would require that, in the absence of a national emergency, the total of all appropriations made by the Congress for a fiscal year shall not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for such fiscal year. If the Congress shall propose such an amendment to the Constitution, this application shall no longer be of any force or effect; and

Be it further resolved: That the legislature of each of the other states in the Union is hereby urged to request and apply to the Congress to propose, or to call a convention for the sole and exclusive purpose of proposing, such an amendment to the Constitution; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States Senate, each member of the Kansas delegation in the United States Congress and the secretary of state and presiding officers of each house of the legislature of each state.

Adopted by the Senate March 7, 1978.

Adopted by the House April 26, 1978.

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By Senator Gaar

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 0016 the Congress of the United States to propose, or to call a
 0017 convention for the purpose of proposing, an amendment to the
 0018 Constitution of the United States which would require that, in
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 0020 federal appropriations shall not exceed total estimated federal
 0021 revenues in a fiscal year.

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 0023 debt as its expenditures exceed its available revenues and the
 0024 public debt now exceeds hundreds of billions of dollars; and

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 0026 unwillingness or inability of the federal government to spend in
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 0029 sense require that the federal budget be in balance absent national
 0030 emergency; and

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 0032 in a national emergency causes continuous and damaging inflation
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 0034 stability of the United States; and

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 0036 States, amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by the
 0037 Congress whenever two-thirds of both Houses deem it necessary
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 0039 states, the Congress shall call a constitutional convention for the
 0040 purpose of proposing amendments: Now, therefore,

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 0042 *thirds of the members elected to the Senate and two-thirds of the*
 0043 *members elected to the House of Representatives concurring*
 0044 *therein:* That the Congress of the United States is hereby re-
 0045 quested to propose and submit to the states an amendment to the
 0046 Constitution of the United States which would require that

0047 within five years after its ratification by the various states, in the
 0048 absence of a national emergency, the total of all appropriations
 0049 made by the Congress for a fiscal year shall not exceed the total of
 0050 all estimated federal revenues for such fiscal year; and

0051 *Be it further resolved:* That, alternatively, the Legislature of the
 0052 State of Kansas hereby makes application to the Congress of the
 0053 United States to call a convention for the sole and exclusive
 0054 purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the
 0055 United States which would require that, in the absence of a
 0056 national emergency, the total of all appropriations made by the
 0057 Congress for a fiscal year shall not exceed the total of all es-
 0058 timated federal revenues for such fiscal year. If the Congress
 0059 shall propose such an amendment to the Constitution, this appli-
 0060 cation shall no longer be of any force or effect; and

0061 *Be it further resolved:* That the legislature of each of the other
 0062 states in the Union is hereby urged to request and apply to the
 0063 Congress to propose, or to call a convention for the sole and
 0064 exclusive purpose of proposing, such an amendment to the Con-
 0065 stitution; and

0066 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State be directed to
 0067 transmit copies of this resolution to the Clerk of the United States
 0068 House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States
 0069 Senate, each member of the Kansas delegation in the United
 0070 States Congress and the secretary of state and presiding officers
 0071 of each house of the legislature of each state.