



June 8, 2016

The Honorable Luke Messer  
508 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: In Support of Article V Records Transparency Act (H.R. 5306)**

Dear Congressman Messer:

The Balanced Budget Amendment Task Force applauds your introduction of the Article V Records Transparency Act (H.R. 5306).

As you know, the states have submitted hundreds of Article V applications since our nation's founding. Unfortunately, the Federal government has not properly tracked these applications.

This legislation creates a badly needed process to ensure every Article V application is counted. This legislation safeguards the process for the states to amend the U.S. Constitution, and provides for the first time, real accountability for the safeguard of these important documents.

Our campaign to amend the Constitution for a U.S. Balanced Budget Amendment through the state initiated Article V process, has by our count reached 28 states. Congress may for the first time in its history have an obligation to call an Article V Convention within the next year, and this legislation will ensure Congress has the correct information to act on.

We thank Congressman Messer and his other co-sponsors for their leadership and dedication to the principles enshrined in the Constitution.

Sincerely,

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