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 Florida, received by the House of Representatives in the year 1971, 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
J. Richard (Dick) Stone, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, Do Hereby Certify That the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of House Concurrent Resolution No. 1-B, adopted by the Florida Legislature in Special Session 1971, as shown by the records of this office.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Florida at Tallahassee, the Capital, this the Eighth day of February A.D. 1971.

[Signature]
Secretary of State
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1-B

A concurrent resolution making application

to the Congress of the United States to call

a convention for the sole and exclusive purpose

of proposing to the several states a constitu-
tutional amendment providing for sharing by

state and local governments of federal income

tax revenues;

WHEREAS, a resolution of our nation's myriad and

diverse problems is contingent upon a viable partnership

between the federal government and strengthened state
governments, and

WHEREAS, the federal government, by its extensive

reliance on the graduated income tax as a revenue source,

has virtually preempted the use of this source from state

and local governments, thereby creating a disabling

fiscal imbalance between the federal government and

the state and local governments, and

WHEREAS, increasing demands upon state and local

governments for essential public services have compelled

the states to rely heavily on highly regressive and

inelastic consumer taxes and property taxes, and

WHEREAS, federal revenues based predominantly

on income taxes increase significantly faster than

economic growth, while state and local revenues based

heavily on sales and property taxes do not keep pace

with economic growth, and
WHEREAS, the fiscal crisis at state and local levels has become the overriding problem of intergovernmental relations and of continuing a viable federal system, and

WHEREAS, the evident solution to this problem is a meaningful sharing of federal income tax resources, and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, despite the immediate and imperative need therefor, has failed to enact acceptable revenue sharing legislation, and

WHEREAS, in the event of such congressional inaction, Article V of the Constitution of the United States grants to the states the right to initiate constitutional change by applications from the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states to the Congress, calling for a constitutional convention, and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States is required by the Constitution to call such a convention upon the receipt of applications from the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states,

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida, the Senate concurring:

That, pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States, the legislature of the state of Florida does hereby make application to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the sole and exclusive purpose of proposing to the several states a constitutional amendment which shall provide that a portion of the taxes on income levied by Congress pursuant to the sixteenth amendment of the Constitution

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of the United States shall be made available each year
to state governments and political subdivisions thereof,
by means of direct allocation, tax credits, or both,
without limiting directly or indirectly the use of such
monies for any purpose not inconsistent with any other
provision of the Constitution of the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application shall
constitute a continuing application for such convention
pursuant to Article V until the legislatures of two-thirds
of the states shall have made like applications and such
convention shall have been called by the Congress of the
United States unless previously rescinded by this legis-
lature, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of
this resolution be presented forthwith to the president of
the United States senate and the speaker of the United
States house of representatives and to the legislatures
of each of the several states attesting the adoption of
this resolution by the legislature of the state of Florida.

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Filed in Office Secretary of State February 3, 1971.