August 29, 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 New Mexico, received by the House of Representatives in the year 1976, 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. Ernestine D. Evans, Secretary of State of the State of New Mexico, do hereby certify that the attached document is a true and exact copy of Senate Joint Resolution 1, passed by the New Mexico State Legislature in 1976, and on file in the office of the Secretary of State.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Mexico, in the City of Santa Fe, the Capital on this 5th day of June A.D. 1978

Secretary of State
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A JOINT RESOLUTION

FOR THE PURPOSE OF REQUESTING APPROPRIATE ACTION BY THE CONGRESS,
EITHER ACTING BY CONSENT OF TWO-THIRDS OF BOTH HOUSES OR, UPON THE
APPLICATION OF THE LEGISLATURES OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE SEVERAL STATES,
CALLING A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THE
FEDERAL CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, THAT THE
TOTAL OF ALL FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS MAY NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL OF ALL
ESTIMATED FEDERAL REVENUES IN ANY FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

WHEREAS, with each passing year this nation becomes more deeply
in debt as its expenditures grossly and repeatedly exceed available
revenues, so that the public debt now exceeds hundreds of billions of
dollars; and

WHEREAS, the annual federal budget continually demonstrates an
unwillingness or inability of both the legislative and executive
branches of the federal government to curtail spending to conform to
available revenues; and

WHEREAS, unified budgets do not reflect actual spending because
of the exclusion of special outlays which are not included in the
budget nor subject to the legal public debt limit; and

WHEREAS, knowledgeable planning, fiscal prudence and plain good
sense require that the budget reflect all federal spending and be in
balance; and

WHEREAS, believing that fiscal irresponsibility at the federal
level, with the inflation which results from this policy, is the greatest threat which faces our nation, we firmly believe that constitutional restraint is necessary to bring the fiscal discipline needed to restore financial responsibility; and

WHEREAS, under article 5 of the constitution of the United States, amendments to the federal 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 several states, the congress shall call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing amendments; we believe such action vital;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that this body proposes to the congress of the United States that procedures be instituted in the congress to add a new article to the constitution of the United States, and that the legislature of the state of New Mexico requests the congress to prepare and submit to the several states an amendment to the constitution of the United States, requiring in the absence of a national emergency that the total of all federal appropriations made by the congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, alternatively, this body makes application and requests that the congress of the United States call a constitutional convention for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the federal constitution requiring in the absence of a national emergency that the total of all federal appro-
provisions made by the congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the

total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body also proposes that the

legislatures of each of the several states comprising the United

States apply to the congress requesting the enactment of an appro-

priate amendment to the federal constitution; or requiring the congress
to call a constitutional convention for proposing such an amendment to
the federal constitution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent by
the secretary of state to the members of New Mexico's delegation to
the congress of the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of state of this state
is directed to send copies of this joint resolution to the secretary
of state and presiding officers of both houses of the legislature of
each of the other states in the union, the clerk of the United States
house of representatives, Washington, D. C. and the secretary of the
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.