August 1, 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 Utah, received by the House of Representatives in the year 1977, 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
HUMAN LIFE RESOLUTION
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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE 42ND LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF UTAH
APPLYING TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO CALL A
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AN
AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO
GUARANTEE THE PRESERVATION OF HUMAN LIFE.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Utah:

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has interpreted the
provisions of the Constitution of the United States to allow the
taking of human life in certain pre-natal stages;

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has interpreted
provisions of the Constitution of the United States to demand the
taking of human life in certain pre-natal stages at the request
of the mother, although not required to prevent the death of the
mother; and

WHEREAS, these interpretations have thrust concepts upon the
citizens of this nation which were never confronted by our
forefathers in drafting the original document, and which massive
numbers of persons, including the citizens of this state, find
repulsive to the American way of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 42nd Legislature of
the State of Utah respectfully applies to the Congress of the
United States to call a convention for the purpose of drafting
and submitting for ratification by the States, as provided by
Article V of the Constitution of the United States, an amendment
to the Constitution that will guarantee to every human life, from
the moment of fertilization throughout its natural existence, in
every state, territory, and possession of the United States, the
full protection of all laws respecting life, excepting an unborn
child whose mother's life would otherwise be lost.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Legislature appeals to the
legislatures of our sister states to give to this problem
involving the preservation of human life, the earliest possible
consideration, and to join with this Legislature and the
legislatures of our sister states who have already taken a
similar stand in favor of the preservation of life to likewise
apply to Congress to call a Constitutional Convention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State of the
State of Utah be and hereby is directed to transmit copies of
this application to the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States, to those members of said bodies representing
this state, and to the legislatures of all other states of the
United States.