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 North Dakota, received by the House of Representatives in the year 1978, 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
To all to whom these presents shall come,

I, ________ BEN MEIER _________, Secretary of State of the State of North Dakota, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4018 as passed by the 44th Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota and filed on March 11, 1975.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, this Twelfth day of June, A. D., 1978.

[Signature]

By

DEPUTY
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4018
(Melland)

BALANCED FEDERAL BUDGET AMENDMENT

A concurrent resolution of the North Dakota Legislature calling for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution proposing to the several states the requirement of a balanced U.S. cash budget for each session of Congress except in time of war or national emergency.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

That we respectfully propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States and call upon the people of the several states for a convention for such purpose as provided by Article V of the Constitution, the proposed Article providing as follows:

ARTICLE

SECTION 1. The president shall submit, at the beginning of each new Congress, an annual budget for the ensuing fiscal year setting forth in detail the total proposed expenditures and the total estimated revenue of the Federal Government from sources other than borrowing. The president may set new revenue estimates from time to time. Expenditures for each two-year period shall not exceed the estimated revenue except in time of war or a national emergency declared by the Congress. The provisions of this Article shall not apply to the refinancing of the national debt; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to the legislatures of the several states.

Filed March 11, 1975