May 15, 2017

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 1979, 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,

[Signature]
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

This is a true and correct copy of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4018 that was passed by the Forty-fourth Session of the North Dakota Legislative Assembly in the Year 1975; and that

This Resolution was filed in this office 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 ___________ 30th ________ day of ___________ April ___________ A. D., 1979.

BEN MEIER
Secretary of State

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 bud-
get 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 Con-
stitution of the United States and call upon the people of
the several states for a convention for such purpose as pro-
vided by Article V of the Constitution, the proposed Article
providing as follows:

ARTICLE

SECTION 1. The president shall submit, at the begin-
ing of each new Congress, an annual budget for the ensuing
fiscal year setting forth in detail the total proposed ex-
penditures 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