January 6, 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 Kansas, received by the House of Representatives in the year 2016, 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
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION requesting and applying to the Congress of the United States in pursuance of the power and authority of said States, an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall consist in enacting that, in the absence of a declared national emergency, the total annual appropriations shall not exceed the total estimated federal revenue for the same year:

WHEREAS, Annually the United States issue more deeply in debt as its expenditures exceed its available revenues and the public debt now exceeds hundreds of billions of dollars, and

WHEREAS, Annually the federal budget demonstrates the unwholesomeness of stability of the federal government secured in conformity with available revenues, and

WHEREAS, Proper planning, fiscal prudence and sound public sense require that the federal budget be in balance above national emergency and

WHEREAS, A continuously unbalanced Federal budget engenders a national emergency and a constant and damaging inflation and consequently a severe strain on the political and economic stability of the United States, and

WHEREAS, Under Article V of the Constitution of the United States, amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by the Congress whenever two thirds of both Houses shall agree to the same subject and the application of the legislatures of two thirds of the States shall be sent for, by the Congress for the approval or rejection thereof, now therefore.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, the members elected to the Senate and members of the House of Representatives assembled in the State Capitol at Topeka, That the Congress of the United States is hereby requested to propose and submit to the States an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which shall consist in enacting that, in the absence of a declared national emergency, the total annual appropriations shall not exceed the total annual estimated federal revenue for the same year:

Be it further resolved that the legislature of the State of Kansas hereby makes its approval of the amendment proposed by the Congress in pursuance of the foregoing resolution, and

Be it further resolved that the legislature of the State of Kansas hereby recommends the amendment proposed by the Congress to the several States for their approval or rejection.

Passed by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, in Convention assembled, the 24th day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-eight.
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Senate, each member of the Kansas delegation in the United
States Congress and the secretary of state and presiding officer of
each house of the legislature of each state.

I hereby certify that the above Concurrent Resolution originated
in the Senate and was adopted by that body.

March 7, 1978

[Signature]

Adopted by the House April 26, 1978

[Signature]
the Kansas legislature, as here and before modified shall become effective as modified on May 1, 1978.

Be it further resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Kansas Commission on Civil Rights.

Adopted by the House April 26, 1978.
Adopted by the Senate April 25, 1978.

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1661

A Concurrent Resolution requesting and applying to the Congress of the United States to propose, or to call a convention for the purpose of proposing, an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which would require that, in the absence of a statutorily defined national emergency, total federal appropriations shall not exceed total estimated federal revenues in a fiscal year.

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WHEREAS, Annually the federal budget demonstrates the unwillingness or inability of the federal government to spend in conformity with available revenues; and

WHEREAS, Proper planning, fiscal prudence and plain good sense require that the federal budget be in balance absent national emergency; and

WHEREAS, A continuously unbalanced federal budget except in a national emergency causes continuous and damaging inflation and consequently a severe threat to the political and economic stability of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Under Article V of the Constitution of the United States, amendments to the 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 states, the Congress shall call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing amendments: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected to the Senate and two-thirds of the members elected to the House of Representatives concurring therein: That the Congress of the United States is hereby requested to propose and submit to the states an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which would require that within five years after its ratification by the various states, in the absence of a national emergency, the total of all appropriations made by the Congress for a fiscal year shall not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for such fiscal year; and

Be it further resolved: That, alternatively, the Legislature of the State of Kansas hereby makes application to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the sole and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which would require that, in the absence of a national emergency, the total of all appropriations made by the Congress for a fiscal year shall not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for such fiscal year. If the Congress shall propose such an amendment to the Constitution, this application shall no longer be of any force or effect; and

Be it further resolved: That the legislature of each of the other states in the Union is hereby urged to request and apply to the Congress to propose, or to call a convention for the sole and exclusive purpose of proposing, such an amendment to the Constitution; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States Senate, each member of the Kansas delegation in the United States Congress and the secretary of state and presiding officers of each house of the legislature of each state.

Adopted by the Senate March 7, 1978.
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By Senator Gaar

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