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October 10, 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 (114<sup>th</sup> Congress), I hereby designate the attached Memorial from the State of Nevada, received by the House of Representatives in the year 1980, 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

STATE OF NEVADA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE



*Jud.*

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I, WM. D. SWACKHAMER, the duly qualified and elected Secretary of State of the State of Nevada, do hereby certify that the annexed is a true, full and correct copy of Senate Joint Resolution No. 8 of the 60th session of the Nevada legislature, now on file and of record in this office.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand

and affixed the Great Seal of State, at my office, in

Carson City, Nevada, this.....18th.....day of

January....., A.D. 19 80.

*Wm. D. Swackhamer*  
Secretary of State

By *David J. Kawa*  
Deputy

Senate Joint Resolution No. 8—Senators Gibson, Close, Echols, Dodge, Blakemore, Lamb, Keith Ashworth, Glaser, Jacobsen, Raggio, Don Ashworth, Young, Sloan, Hernstadt, Wilson, McCorkle, Neal and Faiss

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Requesting the Congress of the United States to call a convention limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which would require a balanced budget in the absence of a national emergency.

WHEREAS, Proper economic planning, fiscal prudence and common sense require that the federal budget include all federal spending and be in balance; and

WHEREAS, The annual federal budgets continually reflect the unwillingness or inability of the legislative and executive branches of the Federal Government to balance the budget; and

WHEREAS, The national debt now amounts to hundreds of billions of dollars and is increasing enormously each year as federal expenditures exceed federal revenues; and

WHEREAS, The inflation and other results of the fiscal irresponsibility of the Federal Government demonstrate the need for a constitutional restraint upon excessive spending; and

WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States provides that on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the states, Congress shall call a convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, jointly,* That this legislature requests the Congress of the United States to call a convention limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which would provide that, in the absence of a national emergency, the total of all federal appropriations for any fiscal year must not exceed the total of the estimated federal revenue for that year; and be it further

*Resolved,* That this legislature conditions this request upon the Congress of the United States' establishing appropriate restrictions limiting the subject matter of a convention called pursuant to this resolution to the subject matter of this resolution, and if the Congress fails to establish such restrictions, this resolution has no effect and must be considered a nullity; and be it further

*Resolved,* That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the legislative counsel to the Vice President of the United States as President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, to each member of the Nevada congressional delegation and to the presiding officer of each house of the legislatures of the several states; and be it further

*Resolved,* That this resolution shall become effective upon passage and approval.