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November 04, 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 Arizona, 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

STATE OF ARIZONA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA }
STATE OF ARIZONA } SS.

I, **WESLEY BOLIN**, *Secretary of State,*
do hereby certify that ~~~

THE ANNEXED DOCUMENT IS A TRUE, CORRECT, AND COMPLETE COPY OF HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 2003, THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1977; THAT I AM THE OFFICIAL OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA HAVING CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF THE ORIGINAL OF SAID COPY AND THE LEGAL KEEPER THEREOF. ~~~



In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona. Done at Phoenix, the capital, this ~8th~
day of ~ JUNE ~ *A.D.* ~ 1977 ~

Wesley Bolin
SECRETARY OF STATE.

State of Arizona
House of Representatives
Thirty-third Legislature
First Regular Session
1977

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 2003

A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO REQUIRE THAT FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS NOT EXCEED ESTIMATED FEDERAL REVENUES EXCEPT IN AN EMERGENCY.

1 To the President and the Congress of the United States of America:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, with each passing year this nation becomes more deeply
4 in debt as its expenditures grossly and repeatedly exceed available
5 revenues, so that the public debt now exceeds hundreds of billions of
6 dollars; and

7 Whereas, attempts to limit spending, including impoundment of funds
8 by the President of the United States, have resulted in strenuous objec-
9 tions that the responsibility for appropriations is the constitutional
10 duty of the Congress; and

11 Whereas, the annual federal budget repeatedly demonstrates an
12 unwillingness or inability of both the legislative and executive branches
13 of the federal government to curtail spending to conform to available
14 revenues; and

15 Whereas, unified budgets do not reflect actual spending because
16 of the exclusion of special outlays which are not included in the
17 budget nor subject to the legal public debt limit; and

18 Whereas, knowledgeable planning, fiscal prudence and plain good
19 sense require that the budget reflect all federal spending and be in
20 balance; and

1 Whereas, fiscal irresponsibility at the federal level, with the
2 inflation which results from this policy, is the greatest threat which
3 faces our nation; and

4 Whereas, constitutional restraint is necessary to bring the fiscal
5 disciplines needed to reverse this trend; and

6 Whereas, under article V of the Constitution of the United States,
7 amendments to the constitution may be proposed by the Congress whenever
8 two-thirds of both houses deem it necessary or on the application of the
9 legislatures of two-thirds of the states the Congress shall call a con-
10 stitutional convention for the purpose of proposing amendments.

11 Wherefore, your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of
12 Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

13 1. That the Congress of the United States prepare and submit to
14 the several states an amendment to the constitution requiring, in the
15 absence of a national emergency, that the total of all federal appropriations
16 made by the Congress for any fiscal year not exceed the total of the esti-
17 mated federal revenues, excluding any revenues derived from borrowing, for
18 that fiscal year.

19 2. That, in the alternative, the Congress of the United States
20 call a constitutional convention to prepare and submit such an amend-
21 ment to the constitution.

22 3. That this application continue in effect until the will of the
23 Legislature of Arizona to the contrary is communicated to the Congress
24 of the United States.

25 4. That the Secretary of State of Arizona transmit certified copies
26 of this memorial to the President of the United States, the President of
27 the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Rep-
28 resentatives, to each member of the Arizona delegation to the United
29 States Congress and to the presiding officers of each house of the legis-
30 lature of each of the other states of the union with the request that it
31 be circulated among leaders in the executive and legislative branches of
32 the state governments.

Passed the House - March 7, 1977 by the following vote: 41 Ayes, 16 Nays,
3 Not Voting

Passed the Senate - May 19, 1977 by the following vote: 25 Ayes, 5 Nays,
0 Not Voting

Received by the Secretary of State - May 19, 1977