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# Congress of the United States

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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 (114<sup>th</sup> Congress), I hereby designate the attached Memorial from the State of Oregon, 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

CERTIFICATE

# State of Oregon

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE



I, NORMA PAULUS, Secretary of State of the State of Oregon, and Custodian of the Seal of said State, do hereby certify:

THAT the attached copy of Enrolled Senate Joint Memorial 2, 1977, Regular Session, has been compared with the original filed in my office on July 11, 1977, at 3:53 PM, and that same is a full and complete copy therefrom.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am legal custodian of the subject document.




In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed hereto the Seal of the State of Oregon.

Done at the Capitol at Salem, Oregon, this

12th day of June, A.D. 19 78.  
NORMA PAULUS, Secretary of State

By:

  
Assistant Secretary of State

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Senate Joint Memorial 2

Sponsored by Senators ATTYEH, CARSON, JERNSTEDT, MEEKER, SMITH, WINGARD, Representatives DUFF, FROHNMAYER, HANNEMAN, C. JOHNSON, MARKHAM, MARTIN, MORRIS, ROGERS, RUTHERFORD, SHAW, WILHELMS, BROGOITTI, BUGAS, BURROWS, S. JOHNSON, JONES, KINSEY, LOMBARD, RAGSDALE, RIEBEL, VAN VLIET

To the Honorable Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, most respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas the level of federal expenditures demonstrates an unwillingness or inability of both the legislative and executive branches of the Federal Government to curtail spending to conform to available revenues; and

Whereas inflation is being fought almost exclusively by monetary policy while fiscal policy could and should be employed; and

Whereas the State of Oregon by its Constitution and its laws in adopting a budget must show a balanced relation between the total proposed spending and the total anticipated revenues or provide for paying the deficiency; and

Whereas it is just and proper that the United States of America in its obligation to provide leadership for all of the states of the union should pursue the same policy; and

Whereas a balanced budget would lessen the economic burdens on its citizens; and

Whereas a balanced budget would lessen the need for increased state and local taxes; now, therefore,

**Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

(1) That this body respectfully petitions the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced federal budget and to make certain exceptions with respect thereto.

(2) That this application by this body constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until at least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have made similar applications pursuant to Article V, but if Congress proposes an amendment to the Constitution identical in subject matter to that contained in this Joint Memorial before January 1, 1979, this petition for a constitutional convention shall no longer be of any force or effect.

(3) That this body propose that the legislative body of each of the several states comprising the United States apply to the Congress of the United States requiring the Congress to call a constitutional convention for proposing an appropriate amendment to the Federal Constitution or requesting the enactment of such an amendment to be submitted to the states for ratification.

(4) That a copy of this memorial shall be transmitted to the President of the United States; to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation; to the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America; to each Governor of each state in the United States of America; and to the presiding officer of each legislative body in the United States of America.

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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 2

Adopted by Senate June 6, 1977

Maribel Cadmus  
Secretary of Senate

Jason E. Lee  
President of Senate

Adopted by House June 16, 1977

Philip D. Long  
Speaker of House

FILED: July 11, 1977  
AT 3:53 P. M.  
C. Roy McMeade  
Assistant Secretary of State