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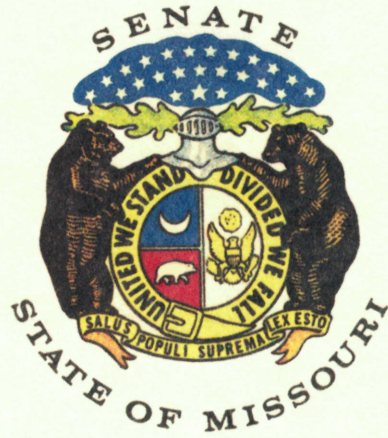
Dear Madam Clerk,

Pursuant to section 3(c) of House Resolution 5 (114th Congress), I hereby designate the attached Memorial from the State of Missouri, received by the House of Representatives in the year 2017, 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



SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Relating to an application to Congress for the calling of an Article V convention of states to propose certain amendments to the United States Constitution which place limits on the federal government.

Whereas, the Founders of our Constitution empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

Whereas, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

Whereas, the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

Whereas, the federal government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our people - particularly for the generations to come - to propose amendments to the United States Constitution through a convention of states under Article V to place clear restraints on these and related abuses of power:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, First

Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby apply to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the United

(10) Pursuant to the text of Article V, Congress may determine whether proposed amendments shall be ratified by the legislatures of the several states or by special state ratification conventions. The General Assembly of Missouri recommends that Congress specify its choice on ratification methodology contemporaneously with the call for the convention;

(11) Congress possesses no power whatsoever with regard to the Article V convention beyond the two powers acknowledged herein;

(12) Missouri places express reliance on prior legal and judicial determinations that Congress possesses no power under Article I relative to the Article V process, and that Congress must act only as expressly specified in Article V; and

Be It Further Resolved that this application shall expire five (5) years after the passage of this resolution; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation, and the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several states requesting their cooperation.

Adriane D. Crouse, Secretary of the Senate, and D. Adam Crumbliss, Chief Clerk of the House, do hereby certify that the aforementioned is a true and correct copy of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4, adopted by the Senate on April 13, 2017, and concurred in by the House on May 12, 2017.



Adriane D Crouse

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

D. Adam Crumbliss

CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE