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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 Massachusetts, 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

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
GENERAL COURT  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

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RESOLUTIONS REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
TO CALL A CONVENTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING  
AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED  
STATES PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO LIFE OF  
ALL HUMAN BEINGS DURING EVERY  
STAGE OF BIOLOGICAL  
DEVELOPMENT.

Resolved, That the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Congress of the United States pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution to call a convention for the purpose of proposing the following article as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States:

ARTICLE

Section 1. With respect to the right to life, the word person as used in this article and in the Fifth and Fourteenth Articles of Amendment to this Constitution applies to all human beings irrespective of age, health, function, or condition of dependency, including their unborn offspring at every stage of their biological development.

Section 2. No unborn person shall be deprived of life by any person, provided, however, that nothing in this article shall prohibit a law permitting only those medical procedures required to prevent the death of the mother.

Section 3. The Congress and the several states shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation; and be it further

Resolved, That a duly attested copy of these resolutions be immediately transmitted by the Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Secretary of the Senate of the United States, the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States, to each member of Congress from this Commonwealth, and to each house of each state legislature in the United States.

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Senate, adopted in concurrence, June 8, 1977.

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