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December 14, 2015

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 Alabama, received by the House of Representatives in the year 2015, 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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3 By Representatives Johnson (K), Hanes, Greer, Ledbetter,
4 Whorton (R), Pettus, Rich, Nordgren, Collins, Patterson,
5 Harbison, Faust, Shedd, Lee, Drake, Wingo, Brown, Holmes (M),
6 South, McCutcheon, Whorton (I), Hurst, Baker, Williams (P),
7 Ball, Tuggle, Moore (B), Williams (JD), Harper, Henry, Farley,
8 Treadaway, Faulkner, Weaver, Hill (M), Clouse, McMillan,
9 Martin, Carns, Beckman, Sells, Shiver, Polizos, Ainsworth,
10 Rowe, Poole, Garrett, Hubbard, Standridge, Fridy, Wood, Ingram
11 and Beech
12 RFD: Rules
13 First Read: 09-APR-15

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8 MAKING APPLICATION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES
9 UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO PROPOSE
10 CERTAIN AMENDMENTS RELATING TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.
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12 WHEREAS, the Founders of our Constitution empowered
13 state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future
14 abuses of power by the federal government; and

15 WHEREAS, the federal government has created a
16 crushing national debt through improper and imprudent
17 spending; and

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

22 WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to live
23 under a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the
24 United States; and

25 WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to
26 protect the liberty of our people, particularly for the
27 generations to come, to propose amendments to the Constitution

1 of the United States through a Convention of the States under
2 Article V to place clear restraints on these and related
3 abuses of power; now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Legislature of the State
6 of Alabama hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of
7 Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the
8 calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing
9 amendments that impose fiscal restraints on the federal
10 government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal
11 government, and limit the terms of office for its officials.
12 This is an application for a Convention of States. By
13 definition, a Convention of States requires the equality of
14 all state parties necessitating a rule of one state, one vote.
15 Congress has no authority to adopt any rule to the contrary.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, This application is adopted
17 with the understanding that the Legislature will, by law or
18 rule, create rules for its appointment of delegates to any
19 Convention of States, including rules that govern the duty of
20 commissioners or delegates to strictly adhere to the limited
21 subject matter of the convention contained in the state's
22 application.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State
24 is hereby directed to transmit copies of this application to
25 the President and Secretary of the United States Senate and to
26 the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of
27 Representatives, and to the members of the Senate and House of

1 Representatives of the United States Congress from this state;
2 and to also transmit copies hereof to the presiding officers
3 of each of the legislative houses in the several states,
4 requesting their cooperation.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this application
6 constitutes a continuing application in accordance with
7 Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the
8 Legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have
9 made applications on the same subject.