

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Joint House Resolution

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Joint resolution constituting an application for a Convention of the States under Article V of the Constitution of the United States

Offered by: Representative Helm of Fair Haven

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—by proposing Amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a Convention of the States under Article V for the purpose of restraining these and related abuses of power, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly of the State of Vermont hereby applies to Congress under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, and be it further

Resolved: That the General Assembly requests that the convention of the States be limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress, and be it further

Resolved: That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to the members of the Vermont Congressional Delegation, and to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several States, requesting their cooperation.