

## House Concurrent Resolution No. 5008

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION applying to the Congress of the  
2 United States to call a convention of the states for the purpose of  
3 proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that  
4 impose limits on the federal government.  
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6 WHEREAS, The founders of the Constitution of the United States  
7 empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future  
8 abuses of power by the federal government; and

9 WHEREAS, The federal government has created a crushing national debt  
10 through improper and imprudent spending; and

11 WHEREAS, The federal government has invaded the legitimate role of  
12 the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most  
13 of which are unfunded and encroach on personal civil liberties through  
14 coercion and punishment for non-compliance; and

15 WHEREAS, It is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our  
16 people, particularly for generations to come, by proposing  
17 amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a  
18 convention of the states under Article V for the purpose of restraining  
19 these and related abuses of power; and

20 WHEREAS, The people of Kansas, through a 1974 amendment to the  
21 Constitution of the State of Kansas, imposed an additional  
22 requirement upon the Kansas legislature requiring that any application  
23 to Congress for a convention for the purpose of proposing  
24 amendments to the Constitution of the United States, pursuant to  
25 Article V of the Constitution of the United States, be passed by an  
26 affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of each house: Now,  
27 therefore,

28 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the*  
29 *Senate concurring therein:* The legislature of the state of Kansas  
30 hereby applies to the Congress of the United States, under the  
31 provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the  
32 calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments  
33 to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on  
34 the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal  
35 government and limit the terms of office for officials of the federal  
36 government and members of the Congress of the United States; and

1 *Be it further resolved:* This application constitutes a continuing  
2 application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the  
3 United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several  
4 states have made applications on the same subject; and

5 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State shall send enrolled  
6 copies of this resolution to the President and Secretary of the United  
7 States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of  
8 Representatives, to the members of the United States Senate and the  
9 United States House of Representatives from this state and to the  
10 presiding officers of each of the legislative chambers in the several  
11 states.

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