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By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION making application to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose 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 and encroach on personal civil liberties through coercion and punishment for noncompliance; 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; and

WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States grants equal authority to the legislatures of the several states to apply for a convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The people of the state of Kansas, through a 1974 amendment to the Constitution of the state of Kansas, imposed an additional requirement upon the Kansas Legislature in the form of a requirement that any application to Congress for a convention for proposing amendments pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States be passed by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of each house: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein: The legislature of the state of Kansas hereby applies to the Congress of the United States, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of the states 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 officials of the federal government and members of the Congress of the United States; and

Be it further resolved: 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 application on the same subject; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate and the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to the members of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives from this state and to the presiding officers of each of the legislative chambers in the several states.