

Application for a Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Proposing Convention

TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AN INFLATION-FIGHTING, FEDERAL FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AMENDMENTS (FRA) CONVENTION; TO DEMAND CONGRESS EXPEDITIOUSLY PASS A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES TO TRACK AND MAKE PUBLIC A LIST OF APPLICATIONS, AND STIPULATING RATIFICATION BY A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE IN STATE CONVENTIONS.

Whereas, Article V authorizes the States and Congress equally to propose Amendments to the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, the Constitution mandates that Congress shall call a *Convention for Proposing Amendments* “upon the Application of two-thirds of the several States;” and

Whereas, since 1979 when Congressional Records include 39 Applications for any subject or inflation-related fiscal responsibility, the national debt has increased from \$850 billion to more than \$31 trillion and the dollar has been devalued by more than 70%, as of the end of 2021; and

Whereas, as of October 2022 inflation was 7.7%, a 40-year high; and

Whereas, fiscal and monetary irresponsibility at the federal level is increasing inflation, reducing economic growth, lowering Americans’ standard of living, jeopardizing Social Security and Medicare, putting national security at alarming risk, and threatening the economic stability of the several States and the prosperity of Americans for generations to come;

NOW THEREFORE, THIS STATE LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER:

SECTION 1. Makes Application under Article V for an Inflation-fighting Federal Fiscal Responsibility *“Convention for proposing Amendments”*

SECTION 2. Urges [STATE'S] Congressional delegation to support House and Senate Concurrent Resolutions [TBD] directing the Archivist of the United States to determine whether an Article V *Convention for proposing Amendments* has been triggered.

SECTION 3. Demands that the voice of the American people be heard on this matter by requiring ratification by a vote of the people in state ratifying conventions.

SECTION 4. Urges the Archivist of the United States to authenticate, securely store, count and acknowledge this Application and make public a list of Applications for a *Convention for proposing Amendments*. This Application shall be counted with inflation-fighting fiscal-responsibility and balanced budget Applications, plenary Applications on any subject(s) or any multi-subject Applications that, in part, impose fiscal restraints on the federal government. Article V Applications remain in force until Congress calls a *Convention for proposing Amendments* unless rescinded prior to attaining the two-thirds threshold or exceeds any sunset date.

SECTION 5. Urges The Attorney General of this State to review and consider all legal options enforcing Article V's mandate that Congress "*shall call*" by designating the date and place for a *Convention for Proposing Amendments "on the Application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the several states."*

SECTION 6. Requires copies of this Application be transmitted to the President of the United States, President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, Archivist of the United States, and the members of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives from this State, to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several States, requesting their cooperation in this endeavor.