By Representatives Johnson (K), Hanes, Greer, Ledbetter, Whorton (R), Pettus, Rich, Nordgren, Collins, Patterson, Harbison, Faust, Shedd, Lee, Drake, Wingo, Brown, Holmes (M), South, McCutcheon, Whorton (I), Hurst, Baker, Williams (P), Ball, Tuggle, Moore (B), Williams (JD), Harper, Henry, Farley, Treadaway, Faulkner, Weaver, Hill (M), Clouse, McMillan, Martin, Carns, Beckman, Sells, Shiver, Polizos, Ainsworth, Rowe, Poole, Garrett, Hubbard, Standridge, Fridy, Wood, Ingram and Beech

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MAKING APPLICATION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES
UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO PROPOSE
CERTAIN AMENDMENTS RELATING TO 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 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, to propose amendments to the Constitution
of the United States through a Convention of the States under Article V to place clear restraints on these and related abuses of power; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Legislature of the State of Alabama hereby applies to Congress, 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 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.

This is an application for a Convention of States. By definition, a Convention of States requires the equality of all state parties necessitating a rule of one state, one vote. Congress has no authority to adopt any rule to the contrary.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State is hereby directed to transmit copies of this application to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and to the members of the Senate and House of
Representatives of the United States Congress from this state;
and to also transmit copies hereof to the presiding officers
of each of the legislative houses in the several states,
requesting their cooperation.

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.