



February 1, 2022

The Honorable Jon Hawkins
PO Box 353
Pleasant Grove, UT 84062

Subject: HJR 9, Requiring that Congress Call an Article V Convention

Dear Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of our granddaughters, we urge you to vote yes on HJR 9, demanding that Congress set the date in 2022 and place for the states to draft an inflation-fighting, Balanced Budget Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Article V gives the States equal authority with Congress to propose Amendments when 34 States pass Applications for a "Convention for proposing Amendments." Nevada passed the 34th such Application in 1979 stating:

- *"Whereas, The national debt now amounts to hundreds of billions of dollars and is increasing enormously each year as federal expenditures grossly exceed federal revenues; and*
- *Whereas, Continuous deficit financing by the Federal Government supports inflationary conditions which adversely affect the national economy and all Americans, particularly those persons with fixed or low income; and*
- *Whereas, Payment of the increased interest on this ever-expanding debt imposes a tremendous burden on the taxpayers of this country";*

We asked our granddaughters what they thought of having 7% taken out of their paychecks to pay the interest on the \$29 trillion of debt created since 1979. They said, "that's not fair!"

What will your grandchildren say about your vote on HJR 9?

Could we schedule a 5-minute call to answer any questions? You may reach us at 386-478-9304.



Sincerely,

David Biddulph

For David and Susie Biddulph

P.S. You are going to hear from JBS, League of Women Voters, Eagle Forum, Common Cause, and the DC spending lobby (e.g., AFSCME, AFL-CIO, SEIU, NEA etc.) that an Article V Convention for proposing Amendments could “run away.” JBS et al. “fears” that Utah and 27 other Balanced Budget Amendment Applying states attending an Article V “*Convention for Proposing Amendments*” would violate the Constitution’s requirement for ratification by 38 states. Does that sound plausible to you?

P.P.S. Do you think 38 states would ratify amendments where, as the former NJ Senate President recently stated, “Americans easily lose the right to free speech, freedom of religion, the right to privacy, to vote and so much more”?