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Open Letter to Utah State Legislatures

RE: Please Support HJR8

Dear Utah State Legislatures,

I am a U.S. States Navy Chief Petty Officer and gulf war veteran (22 year retiree) and very concerned with our out-of-control federal government deficit spending. Congress continues to spend \$6.8 million dollars per minute, which is unsustainable as well as irresponsible. The sad part is that when America goes bankrupt the elderly and the poor will suffer the most. We will have literally 100 million people on the streets looking for food and shelter because entitlement checks for social security, disability, military/federal retirees and welfare recipients will cease.

We could learn a lot from history. Countries like Rome and Greece all went bankrupt because they failed to live within their means. Now here in America we have cities like Detroit going bankrupt as well as 20 other cities all following suit. Unfortunately for the past 40 years our debt went from \$1 to \$2 to \$4 to \$6 to \$8 to \$17 trillion and congress did nothing.

A balanced budget Amendment is a non-partisan issue that 74% of American's support. You and I live within a budget as well as 49 out of 50 states. Why can't the federal government live within a budget?

This is an American issue and the way I view this is that WE are all in a bus together and congress is driving down the road 60 miles per hour and our state legislatures are riding shotgun.

We all see a sign that says "*Bridge out Ahead*". We bring this to Congress's attention but to our dismay they only hit the accelerator from 60 to 70 miles per hour. We continue to pass a few more warning signs. Now, just a few hundred yards ahead, we see the bridge is clearly out.

State Legislatures, I ask you. Correction, I am begging you to hit the emergency brakes and take over the wheel. The 10th amendment and article V gives you the authority to rein in our federal government deficit spending.

The time has come to unite as Americans and support a balanced budget amendment for you, our children, and grandchildren as well as save our nation from national bankruptcy.

Please support resolution HJR8. Thank you for your valuable time, understanding and consideration.

Respectfully Yours;

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