

**Written Testimony Submitted to the Kansas House of Representative
Committee on State and Federal Affairs
Regarding: HCR 5010
March 12, 2015**

In Support

Dear Chairman Brunk, & Members of the Committee:

I come before you on behalf of my two five-year-old granddaughters, and frankly, every other five year-old in America who will be 'thirty' in 2040. You see if they happen to have their own children, at say age twenty-four, Lord willing, they will see their own children become 'thirty' in 2064. And for those who have grandchildren, you can appreciate this... they will see some of the most important people in their lives – turn 'thirty' in the 2080's.

I'm here on their behalf ... to ask you to do your duty under the Federal Constitution. I fear that if you and other state legislators do not, their children will not have an America to grow up in.

Like Ronald Reagan, "I do not believe in a 'fate' that will fall on us [them] – no matter what we do. I do believe in a fate that will fall on us [them] if we do nothing."

This is about their lives - their success - their liberty, or their pain, distress and demise. Their future has been entrusted to us. **The 'supreme law of the land' has entrusted it to you.** I pray that you will honor our founding document – all of it - especially Article V that allows 'the people of Kansas' under your leadership, **to help restore it** and **strengthen our founding principles** peacefully. I hope you will do your part. All the others alternatives are 'unthinkable'.

So where do stand today in calling for the most important 'governing event' in our lifetime? First of all, this 'exact application' has been passed in **GA, FL and AK**. By the time this legislative session is completed, it will have been reviewed and considered by a total of 41 other states.

Presently, a resolution matching this one has been filed in 28 states. It has passed through 9 committees – and at least one chamber in three (AZ, ND, and AR). It was well received and we expect it to pass both committees and both houses in Missouri.

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When he was in the oval office, President Ronald Reagan lobbied state legislators **to act** under Article V in order to propose a balanced budget amendment. As it turned out, **enough did not act**. The effort came up two states short.

The national debt at the time....? \$1.4 - 1.7 trillion.

Unless we think that the demographic and cultural change trajectories are headed in the right direction, we need to act now.

On behalf of future generations, I humbly ask you, please, act now.

May we act as... and may God bless us as... The United States of America.

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