

To: Federal-State Committee of the House, State of Kansas

RE: Convention of the States

I am Alan Snodgrass from Jetmore Kansas. I was here last year in regard to a Balance Budget Amendment to the United States Constitution. At that time we had gathered petitions and resolutions from various groups concerned about the Federal Government and the extreme debt that we have accumulated of 17 billion dollars. Multiple groups and individuals signed petitions and resolutions calling for a Balance Budget Amendment. Most of you received copies of those petitions and resolutions.

Those petitioners included the Kansas Association of Counties, Kansas Farm Bureau Association and the American Association of Farm Bureaus. It included hospitals, doctors, chiropractors, podiatrists and veterinarians. It also included owners of dealerships, insurance agencies, restaurants and real estate brokers. It included many employees at various businesses.

Many individual government groups passed resolutions calling for a Balance Budget Amendment. This included 25 separate counties and their commissioners and 8 separate cities. The largest county to call for a Balance Budget Amendment by the county commissioners was Sedgwick county. I do fear Washington and it's corruption and the inability of self control with our politicians at the federal level. I do fear the aggressive nature and extreme power that the bureaucratic system has at the federal level. These issues are very detrimental to our future and to the future of our grandchildren.

All of these groups were concerned about the run away Federal government. These concerns are causing deep fears about the future of our country and the future that our grandchildren will inherit. Today our best hope is a convention to propose amendments. I do not fear the voice of the people and the convention would allow the voice of the people to be heard. I do not fear a run away convention because to ratify any amendment takes 38 states and any inappropriate proposed amendment would be easily defeated.

We must address this issue. We must confront this issue. We must allow the people to speak.

Sincerely,



R. Alan Snodgrass,
A very, very concerned grandparent