



COMPACT FOR AMERICA



May 6, 2016

Chairman Luke Messer
c/o Mr. John Huston
House Republican Policy Committee
508 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Discussion draft – Article V records compilation House bill

Dear Chairman Messer and Mr. Huston:

The Compact for America Educational Foundation (the “Administrator”) is the designated Compact Administrator for the Compact for a Balanced Budget (the “Compact”). We serve at the pleasure of the Compact Commission which is chaired by Rep. Paulette Rakestraw, a member of the Georgia House of Representatives who was appointed to the Compact Commission by Georgia Governor Nathan Deal.

You have requested that the Administrator review and comment on draft legislation pertaining to the compilation of Article V records received from the states by Congress. The Compact Commission has authorized the review of the legislation by the Administrator as both the Administrator and the Compact Commission believe that the official compilation of the Article V records by Congress is an important step in the state-initiated Article V amendment process.

Over the past several weeks, the Administrator has submitted various comments, suggestions, and changes to Mr. Huston for consideration. The latest version of the proposed legislation is attached hereto. On behalf of the Compact Commission, the Administer hereby informs you that the Compact Commission concurs in the goals and objectives of the proposed legislation and has no further comments, suggestions, or changes to the attached draft. If the draft changes in the future, the Compact Commission reserve the right to revise its current position.

The Compact Commission believes it is ultimately the prerogative of the states to determine if and when the requisite number of states have joined together in a common Application that would initiate the Article V convention process. Neither the Compact Commission nor the Administrator is aware that any such determination has been made by the states to date.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (281) 235-8311.

Very truly yours,

Harold R. DeMoss, III
Chief Executive Officer

