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“Uniting the States to Fix the National Debt”

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

FILE: Congressional Article V Records

Dear Chairman Messer and Mr. Huston:

Currently, four states – Georgia, Alaska, North Dakota and Mississippi, have joined the Compact for a Balanced Budget (the “Compact”). The ultimate goal of the Compact is to have the states propose and ratify into the U.S. Constitution the powerful and revolutionary balanced budget amendment contained in the Compact. I chair the Compact Commission that is established by the Compact. The primary purpose of the Commission is to encourage other states to join the Compact and to encourage Congress to pass the activating resolution that would set the Compact into motion.

You have requested that the Compact for America Educational Foundation review and comment on proposed legislation pertaining to the compilation of Article V records received from the states by Congress. You should be receiving the authorized response from the Compact Administrator concurrently with receipt of this letter. We at the Compact Commission want to commend you for taking the necessary steps to begin the process of organizing the Article V records under consideration.

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We also want to make it known that we believe 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. The Compact has been designed specifically for this purpose. We at the Compact Commission are not aware that any such determination has been made by the states to date.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or my fellow Commissioners if you have any questions. Our contact information is shown below.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paulette Rakestraw".

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