



COMPACT FOR AMERICA

March 22, 2017

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

RE: 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 Mead Treadwell, the former Lieutenant Governor of the State of Alaska that was appointed to the Compact Commission by Alaska Governor Sean Parnell.

You have requested that the Administrator review and comment on 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.

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 draft that was provided. 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 relative to any particular aggregation under any specific Application.

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

Very truly yours,

Harold R. DeMoss, III
Chief Executive Officer