



# CONVENTION of STATES

A PROJECT OF CITIZENS FOR SELF-GOVERNANCE

March 23, 2017

Hon. Luke Messer (IN-06)  
United States Congress  
508 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: *Article V Records Transparency Act of 2017***

Dear Chairman Messer,

Thank you for introducing the Article V Records Transparency Act of 2017. As you may know, the Convention of States Project is a grassroots effort consisting of over 2.1 Million supporters nationwide and an organized volunteer leadership team in all 50 states, in addition to our national staff and board of renowned legal advisors.

The essence of our mission is to organize and empower American citizens across the country to reassert their fundamental right of self-governance. Due to decades of unchecked accrual of power at the federal level, meaningful self-governance today can only be realized through the proposal, and ultimate adoption, of constitutional amendments that will restore the original limitations on federal power, thus shifting power back to the states and the people. We believe this requires the use of the Constitution's Article V convention process for proposing amendments.

You have proven yourself a friend of the people, and indeed of federalism, by introducing the Article V Records Transparency Act to ensure that Congress fulfills its duty under Article V in an orderly and efficient manner. We particularly appreciate the explicit recognition in Section 5 that the duties assigned to Congress under Article V of the Constitution are both "specific" and "limited," as well as Section 5's clearly-expressed disclaimer of any intention to expand said duties in any way.

Thank you, again, for your leadership in this effort.

Respectfully,

Mark Meckler  
President