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Subject: Response to the letter from Legal Counsel Kirk Boyle dated June 7th, 2013.

Greetings Ms. Haas,

I understand your dilemma and appreciate the opportunity to explore this further. At the suggestion of Legal Counsel Kirk Boyle dated June 7th, 2013, I accept your counsel's offer to forward the information to the House Judiciary Committee with an explanation that regarding the lack of rules or procedures to allow your office to count these applications for the first time in US history. However I do not feel that any Congressional Committee should be expected to demonstrate expertise in their discretion of these applications, therefore I ask that your office get permission to count these applications because it is a pending inquiry.

I would also ask them to consider a previous ruling and US position on this matter:

*United States v. Sprague, 282 U.S. page 716 (1931), the Supreme Court stated:
"The United States asserts that article 5 is clear in statement and in meaning, contains no ambiguity and calls for no resort to rules of construction. A mere reading demonstrates that this is true. It provides two methods for proposing amendments. Congress may propose them by a vote of two-thirds of both houses, or, on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the States, must call a convention to propose them."*

Since the letter also reveals that Congress never counted any of the applications that date back to 1789 and as recent as 2013, it is possible that the answer may reveal an ongoing obstruction of a peremptory constitutional process. Because of this I would ask you to officially notify the President and Vice President of the United States, as chief enforcement officers of the Constitution. I believe their awareness of this situation is required.

Thank you for your time and diligence.

Sincerely,

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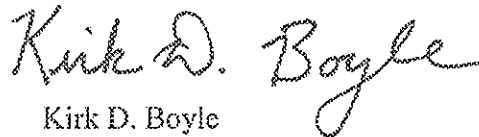
Dear Mr. Marks:

I am in receipt of your correspondence requesting that the Clerk of the House tabulate State applications for an Article V convention compiled by your organization.

The duties and responsibilities assigned to the Clerk of the House are generally established by statute and the rules and precedents of the House of Representatives. The Clerk has not been assigned the responsibility to tabulate State applications for an Article V convention by statute or the rules or precedents of the House. Accordingly, the Office of the Clerk is unable to fulfill your request.

However, I would be pleased to forward your correspondence to your Member of Congress or to the Committee on the Judiciary for further consideration if that would be of assistance to you. Under the rules of the House, the Committee on the Judiciary has jurisdiction over constitutional amendments and has a subcommittee dedicated to the Constitution. Please contact Jodi Detwiler at 202 225-7000 if you would like your letter forwarded.

Sincerely,



Kirk D. Boyle
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