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Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee, SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS

Our neglected republic is going to hell, because our elected representatives in Washington, DC refuse to put their partisan desires and start working for what is in the best interest of the people who elected them. These partisan desires have reached the point where national security, fiscal sanity and equal justice are no longer assured. Examples include: 1. Approximately 6 Million illegal aliens have crossed our southern border into the United States since January, 2021. This will cost American taxpayers an estimated 200 Billion annually by 2025. 2. A Chinese spy balloon was allowed to stay in the skies above our most sensitive military installations for more than a week before being destroyed. 3. Our estimated U.S. National Debt exceeds 31.6 Trillion dollars.

Thankfully, the “framers” of our constitution anticipated such a situation could happen and included Article V in the constitution. Article V provides the process for State Legislatures to propose and ratify amendments to the constitution to address significant issues the Congress and the Executive Branch refuse to solve.

I understand some legislators oppose Article V because they fear a “runaway convention” or they have never used Article V before. The greatest fears a legislator should have are: 1. What will happen if they shirk their responsibilities and do nothing? 2. What will be the impact on future generations?

State legislators have a responsibility to act on behalf of the people when Federal legislators refuse to do their job.

Respectfully submitted

