We the people are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution." – Abraham Lincoln

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The fiscal irresponsibility of the federal government must be halted and reversed. We can see the government has no fear of a financial collapse – and with that, political collapse. We just need to look at Detroit or California to see the fate awaiting us if we do nothing and continue to accept the status quo.

The most effective way that the States and the People can reassert control of a bloated and tyrannical federal government is through acting in concert with the other States to define the limits of that federal government. The Framers of the Constitution wisely provided a mechanism to restrain an oppressive federal government – we must exercise that mechanism.

We must call for an Article V Constitutional Amendment Convention.

Many are adverse to calling for a constitutional convention for fear of the convention becoming a "runaway" and with that a wholesale scrapping of the current Constitution by drafting and adoption of a new, different constitution devoid of civil liberties and government restraint. That is why the call is for an amendatory convention. The amendatory convention was designed by the Framers to prevent such a runaway occurrence. It allows <u>only</u> for the proposal and debate of amendments which must be then ratified by three-fourths of the States.

Since 1789, when the US Constitution was ratified, 49 of the States have made an estimated 749 applications to Congress for an Article V Amendment Convention. Wisconsin has made 21 such applications over the years, the last being submitted in 1963.

## The Wisconsin GrandSons of Liberty strongly endorse the call for an Article V Constitutional Amendment Convention.

We now ask that the Wisconsin State Legislature introduce and pass a bill applying to Congress to call for an Article V Amendment Convention. We ask that the Governor sign the bill when presented. We ask that our Wisconsin-elected federal officials in Congress vigorously support the application. We implore our Wisconsin Legislature to begin immediately working with the other States to organize and carry out the Convention.

If we, as a people, are to regain our Liberty, restore the Rule of Law based on the Constitution, and set our national financial house in order, then we must assert ourselves through the Constitution. By doing so, we join the chorus call from our sister States nationwide for an Article V Amendment Convention.

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