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# Impending Collapse of American Government Calls for New Constitutional Convention

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According to [Bill Walker](#), the state of [Ohio](#) legislature has a [Article V](#) Convention application before it on the amendment issue of balanced budget.

According to the Congressional Record this would be the 38th state to request an application with the amendment subject of balanced budget.

This would be four states over the minimum necessary to compel Congress to call an [Article V](#) Convention on this issue alone.

According to the latest reports, 14 state

representatives sponsored the BILL [HJR 8](#).

These legislators had a committee [vote](#) scheduled for last week, December 10, 2008 but withdrew the legislation before the vote. The reason for the withdrawal, according to some reports, is because of opposition from extremist groups.

If passed, this would be the second application for a convention this year. Louisiana applied for a convention call earlier this year.

"However, because Friends Of the Article V Convention ([FOAVC](#)) did manage to contact these legislatures before the [vote](#) and inform them that a sufficient number of states have already applied for a convention to cause a call, it may be they withdrew the BILL simply because they realized they had already achieved their goal and are deciding what to do next", said [FOAVC](#) Co-Founder Bill Walker.

He is asking all members of [FOAVC](#) to contact these members of the Ohio state legislature and urge them to continue to push forward their efforts to make Congress an [Article V](#) Convention.

He is also asking you also contact anyone you know who favors [FOAVC](#)'s position and contact the following legislators on the issue at hand -a National Credit Crisis which threatens the national security of the United States Constitution.

The names and email address of the representatives are below :

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FOAVC has been attempting to correct misinformation about an Article V Convention wherever it exists.

This includes official government misinformation. including a corrected article written by the Congressional Research Service (CRS) and published in its book, "The United States Constitution: Interpretation and Analysis."

Many people who oppose an Article V Convention use the misinformation published by the CRS as the basis of their arguments.

FOAVC is currently attempting to have CRS correct this article and has presented this material to them. As of this date they have received no word from them.

One of FOAVC's goals is to encourage as much discussion about an Article V Convention as possible. In recent days as more and more questions arise about questionable constitutional (or rather unconstitutional) actions on the part of the government in nationalizing various parts of the [banking](#) industry, more and more people are seeking answers about the Constitution and discussing an Article V Convention.

One site that has specifically raised the question of an Article V Convention for the purpose of discussion is at <http://www.american-experience.us/>

[Joel Hirschhorn](#), FOAVC co-founder, and popular [writer at Associated Content](#) has begun the discussion there.

Here are some notable quotes surrounding the issue published at the FOAVC web site:

- | "Congress has been a burial ground for virtually every good reform proposed in modern times. I prefer the alternate method provided by Article V, a Constitutional Convention, and I make the argument for a Convention to be held . . ." - Larry Sabato ([5-Dec-2007](#))
- | "Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army." - Edward Everett
- | "The strength of the Constitution, lies in the will of the people to defend it." - Thomas Edison
- | "It is dangerous to be right when the government is wrong." - Voltaire
- | "The only maxim of a free government ought to be to trust no man living with power to endanger the public liberty." - John Adams, *"Notes for an Oration at Braintree"* (1772)
- | "It is not the function of our Government to keep the citizen from falling into error; it is the function of the citizen to keep the Government from falling into error." - Robert H. Jackson
- | "The evils of tyranny are rarely seen but by him who resists it." - John Hay, (1872)
- | "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." - Lord Acton

- | "Those who profess to favor freedom, and yet depreciate agitation, are men who want rain without thunder and lightning." - Frederick Douglass
  - | "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." - Benjamin Franklin
  - | "Once fully enslaved, no nation, state, city of this earth ever afterward resumes its liberty." - Walt Whitman
  - | "Timid men prefer the calm of despotism to the tempestuous sea of Liberty." - Thomas Jefferson
  - | "If a nation values anything more than freedom, it will lose its freedom; and the irony of it is that if it is comfort or money that it values more, it will lose that, too." - Somerset Maugham
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