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Dear Chairman King and Members of the Select Committee on State and Federal Power and Responsibility:

I offer this written testimony as the Director of the Center for Tenth Amendment Action at Texas Public Policy Foundation.

I am honored to advise the Committee that the Texas Public Policy Foundation believes it is good public policy for the State of Texas to unite with its sister states in deploying all viable and constitutional means of reviving the principles of federalism. For that reason, TPPF has endorsed the convention of states mode of proposing federal constitutional amendments under Article V of the U.S. Constitution. Moreover, TPPF has also long underscored the unique power of interstate compacts—formal agreements among the states—to bring unity to the states in restoring their proper role in our system of federalism. An interstate compact can bring certainty, safety and speed to the process of uniting the states. Accordingly, TPPF believes that all well-crafted, state-initiated amendment efforts that use an interstate compact to invoke Article V of the U.S. Constitution, including the Compact for a Balanced Budget (HB1109) and the wider Compact for America initiative, should be advanced alongside other viable and constitutional efforts to remedy federal overreach and irresponsibility.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom K. Lindsay".

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