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Mr. Daniel Summars  
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Dear Daniel:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding Article V of the United States Constitution. As you know, Article V describes the process by which the Constitution may be amended. I am fully supportive of the peoples' right to enact reforms if Congress ignores valid requests to amend the Constitution.

To this date the convention method of proposing amendments to the U.S. constituent has not been utilized. While there have been several hundred applications submitted, Congress has not received enough applications that deal with the same subject matter to call a convention. A federal court case considered but rejected the claim that Congress is required to call a convention based on the sum total of all applications to date, and an appeal of this ruling was rejected by the U.S. Supreme Court. However, I have no doubt that if there is an authentic national movement by two-thirds of the States there will be a response by Congress.

As this is also a federal issue, I encourage you to contact your federal representatives. Please contact my office if I may be of further assistance. Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Texas Senate.

Sincerely,

  
Chris Harris

