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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Congress of the United States to call for an  
2 amendment convention pursuant to Article V of the  
3 Constitution of the United States that shall be entitled the  
4 Countermand Amendment Convention and limited to proposing an  
5 amendment to the Constitution of the United States to grant  
6 state legislatures authority to countermand and rescind any  
7 mandate issued by any branch of the Federal Government or its  
8 agencies that encroaches on states' rights and the personal  
9 liberties of their citizens.

10 WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 4 of the Constitution of the  
11 United States guarantees to every state a republican form of  
12 government that gives each state equal standing when calling  
13 for a Federal amendment convention; and

14 WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States  
15 reserves to the state legislatures the right to apply for an  
16 Article V amendment convention for the purpose of proposing  
17 amendments to the Constitution of the United States when  
18 Congress, the courts or the executive branch refuse to address  
19 an egregious wrong suffered by the people; and

20 WHEREAS, The state legislatures have the sole authority to  
21 limit the agenda and authority of delegates and alternates they  
22 send to a convention; and

1       WHEREAS, Under Article V of the Constitution of the United  
2 States, Congress shall convene a convention as called for and  
3 defined by two-thirds of the state legislatures; therefore be it

4       RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly  
5 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby apply to Congress for  
6 a Countermand Amendment Convention under the provisions of  
7 Article V of the Constitution of the United States to propose a  
8 countermand amendment to the Constitution of the United States  
9 granting states the right to countermand and rescind any act of  
10 any branch of the Federal Government or its agencies that  
11 encroaches on states' rights and the personal liberties of their  
12 citizens; and be it further

13       RESOLVED, That the General Assembly direct Congress to  
14 convene the Countermand Amendment Convention within 60 days from  
15 the date it receives the 34th call for this convention from a  
16 state legislature; and be it further

17       RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be  
18 transmitted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the  
19 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United  
20 States House of Representatives, each member of the Pennsylvania  
21 delegation to Congress and to the presiding officers of each  
22 house of the state legislatures requesting their cooperation in  
23 applying for a convention limited to the subject matter  
24 contemplated by this application.