

**MR CHAIR & HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES
GOOD AFTERNOON!**

MY NAME IS BILL RUTLEDGE.

I AM 71 AND LIVE OUTSIDE OF EATON, IN WELD COUNTY, HOUSE DISTRICT 63.
I HAVE LIVED IN COLORADO OFF AND ON SINCE THE 50'S.
AS A RETIRED AIR FORCE OFFICER AND MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER:

I SIT HERE BEFORE YOU TODAY
TO TESTIFY TO MY SUPPORT OF THIS RESOLUTION

BECAUSE:

*THOSE WHOM WE HAVE PLACED IN THE FEDERAL SYSTEM
HAVE FAILED TO ACT ON ISSUES THAT WOULD
RESTRICT THEIR POLITICAL TENURE,
LIMIT THEIR INFLUENCE ON STATE ISSUES
&
CONTROL BUDGET SPENDING*

THE QUESTION BEFORE YOU TODAY IS:
WHERE DO YOU PERSONALLY STAND IN YOUR BELIEFS ABOUT:

*-**BALANCED BUDGETS**
-**FEDERAL OVERREACH IN STATE MATTERS**
&
-**CAREER POLITICIANS***

OUR FOREFATHERS
BELIEVED IN A LIMITED FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

THE
PRESENT DAY SYSTEM IS ANYTHING BUT LIMITED!

THEY FORESAW A TIME, WHEN **AMENDMENTS PROPOSED**
BY A CONVENTION OF STATES, WOULD BE **THE ONLY WAY**
FOR THE SOVEREIGN STATES TO ADDRESS THE HUMAN
BEHAVIORS INFLUENCED BY POWER, CONTROL, AND GREED.

WE HAVE TODAY

SIGNS OF A DISFUNCTIONAL AND CORRUPT INFESTATION OF
IDEOLOGIES AND ACTIONS IN CONGRESS THAT RIP AT THE
MORAL FABRIC OF OUR SOCIETY AND INSTIGATE FEAR
THOUGH FALSE NARRATIVES IN SUPPORT OF ENDLESS
WARS.

**JAMES A. GRARFIELD THE 20TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES STATED
IN 1881**

*“ NOW MORE THAN EVER THE PEOPLE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR
THE CHARACTER OF THEIR CONGRESS IF THAT BODY BE IGNORANT, RECKLESS, AND
CORRUPT, IT IS BECAUSE THE PEOPLE TOLERATE IGNORANCE, RECKLESSNESS, AND
CORRUPTION.”*

I RESPECTFULLY ASK

THAT EACH OF YOU ***SUPPORT THE SPIRIT OF THIS RESOLUTION*** ON BEHALF OF:

**OUR FOUNDERS AND YOUR CONSTITUENTS
“WE THE PEOPLE” OF COLORADO**

**IT IS YOUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT & YOUR DUTY
TO EXPLORE EVERY OPTION TO REIGN-IN AND REDIRECT
THE BEHAVIOURS OF OUR FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES**

IN CLOSING: LET YOUR ACTIONS REFLECT

THE STRENGTH OF CHARACTER: TO HAVE AN OPEN,
HONEST, AND EXPANDED DISCUSSION ON THE FLOOR OF COLORADO’S HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES.

DO NOT CARRY THE BURDEN OF YOUR DECISION ALONE!

“WE THE PEOPLE”
BEFORE YOU TODAY
HUMBLY REQUEST YOUR VOTE OF SUPPORT

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING!

&

MAY GOD’S HAND

GUIDE YOUR DECISION

PRESENTED THIS 22ND DAY OF APRIL 2024, BEFORE THE COLORADO HOUSE
STATE, CIVIC, MILITARY, AND VETERAN’S AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.
CONVENTION OF STATES (COS) RESOLUTION HJR24-1024.