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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 51 Session of 2023

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 14, 2023

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

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

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