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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Alice Hanlon Peisch and Cynthia Stone Creem

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying resolution:

Resolutions rescinding previous Article V Convention applications.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Alice Hanlon Peisch	*14th Norfolk*	*10/27/2025*
Cynthia Stone Creem	*Norfolk and Middlesex*	*10/27/2025*

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By Representative Peisch of Wellesley and Senator Creem, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and Cynthia Stone Creem for the adoption of resolutions to rescind all prior Article V Constitutional Convention applications. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

Resolutions rescinding previous Article V Convention applications.

Whereas, the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has previously made applications to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the purpose of proposing certain amendments to the United States Constitution pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, such prior applications made to Congress by the General Court pursuant to Article V include, but may not be limited to: (i) House, No. 5984 (1977); (ii) House, No. 1273 (1974); (iii) House, No. 5005 (1971); (iv) Senate, No. 805 (1964); (v) Senate, No. 658 (1941); and (vi) House, No. 1367 (1931); and

Whereas, certain prior applications made to Congress by the General Court pursuant to Article V contain language providing that the application shall continue in effect unless otherwise rescinded by the General Court and certain other applications do not contain a specific termination date or sunset provision; and

Whereas, the General Court has not made an application to Congress pursuant to Article V in nearly 50 years, and the policy reforms advanced by such prior applications may no longer be necessary or supported by the General Court or the people of the Commonwealth; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereby rescinds, repeals, cancels, nullifies and supersedes any and all prior applications of the General Court to the Congress of the United States to call for a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the United States Constitution pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, regardless of when such applications were adopted and regardless of whether such applications were for a more limited convention to propose one or more amendments regarding one or more specific subjects and purposes or for a general convention to propose an unlimited number of amendments upon an unlimited number of subjects, and regardless of whether the applications are expressly identified in this resolution or confirmed by the historical records maintained by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the Library of Congress; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts requests that the resolution be published in the Congressional Record and listed in the official tally of state legislative applications relating to applications to Congress of the United States to call a convention to propose amendments to the United States Constitution pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution. The Clerks of the Massachusetts House of Representatives and Senate shall immediately transmit copies of this resolution to the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to the Secretary of the United States Senate.