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**Leah Vukmir and John Nygren Pledge to  
“Let Us Vote for a U.S. Balanced Budget Amendment”**

U.S. Senate candidate Leah Vukmir and State House District 89 candidate John Nygren have announced their support for the “Let Us Vote for a Balanced Budget Amendment” (LUVBBA) congressional resolution, which would entrust the States to draft, and the Citizens to vote for the ratification of a U.S. Balanced Budget Amendment. In doing so, these leaders join 44 other candidates across 31 states in a unified call for fiscal responsibility in Washington.

Many economists believe the greatest threat to Social Security, National Security and the American Dream is Congress’s \$21 trillion debt and their unsustainable trillion-a-year deficit spending plans. Vukmir and Nygren have pledged their support for the LUVBBA Resolution to restrain Congress’s unlimited power to tax, spend and borrow by entrusting America’s voters with the right to vote for a U.S. Balanced Budget Amendment drafted by state legislators.

The U.S. Constitution’s Article V provides that two-thirds of both Houses of Congress may propose an Amendment. But on the topic of fiscal restraint, Congress has failed to do so, resulting in a debt burden so large that its interest alone is expected to exceed defense spending in 5 years and consume two-thirds of federal taxes in 30 years. Fortunately, Article V provides an alternative. A convention of states for proposing an Amendment “shall” be called upon the application of two-thirds (34) of the states.

The provision also allows for ratification by a majority vote of the people in three-quarters (38) of the states for Yes-Pledged state convention delegates, as was done in the case of the 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment repealing Prohibition. In a recent national survey, a bipartisan 83% of registered voters from across the country indicated that they wanted “a vote of the people” not a “vote of Congress” to ratify a U.S. Balanced Budget Amendment.

According to David Biddulph, Co-founder of the “Let Us Vote for a Balanced Budget Amendment” Citizens’ Campaign, “Leah Vukmir, John Nygren and political leaders across the country are recognizing that the American people are ready to participate in solving the deficit spending problem that Congress has created and refuses to address. With continued support for the LUVBBA Resolution, we hope to see the states draft and the people of 38 states ratify a U.S. Balanced Budget Amendment as soon as November 10, 2020.”

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