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Draft Letter from the New York Federal Republican Committee, New York, 6 June 1788

We addressed you on the _____ since which a return has been made of our Elections for Delegates to the convention—It appears from ye returns that there is a majority of at least two to one who are against adopting the Constitution in its present form—

We give you this information, to induce you to take measures to bring about a communication between your Convention and ours on the subject of amendments—There cannot be a doubt but that the necessary alterations can be effected, and all the apprehensions of danger from the new government removed, if your State and ours could unite in sentiments respecting the amendments, and act in concert in measures to bring them about—We have reason to believe that New Hampshire will concur with us—An event of this kind would we are persuaded produce the most happy consequences and procure essential benefits to our ~~common~~ Country. As by this means the obnoxious & exceptionable articles in the new system would be so changed, as to create confidence in the minds of a great number of worthy Citizens, who now regard the government, as a dangerous scheme, calculated to destroy their Liberties—Under these impressions, we earnestly wish, that such of the States as have yet to deliberate on the subject, might confer on the matter, and unite in some rational plan, to procure amendments such as would preserve the strictest union with and affection between sister States—

We may venture to assure you that our State will join in such measures with ye greatest cordiality. If you should be in sentiment with us we beg leave to suggest to you the propriety of writing to North Carolina, inviting them to unite with us.

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