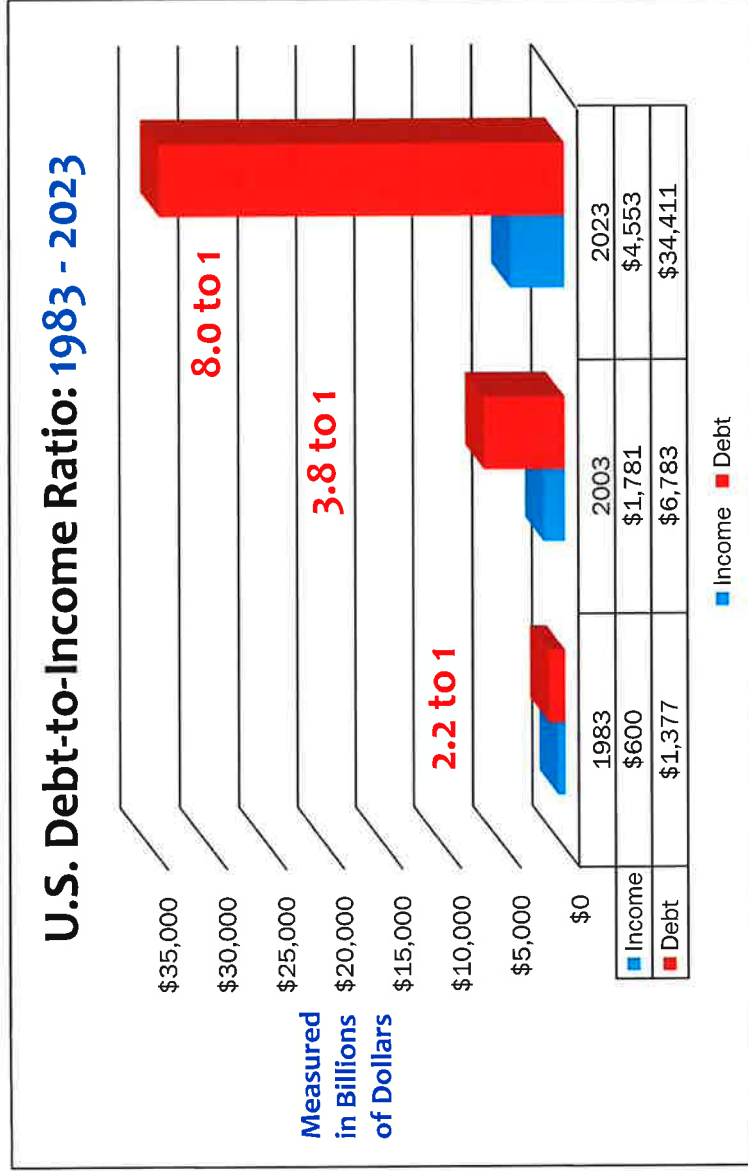
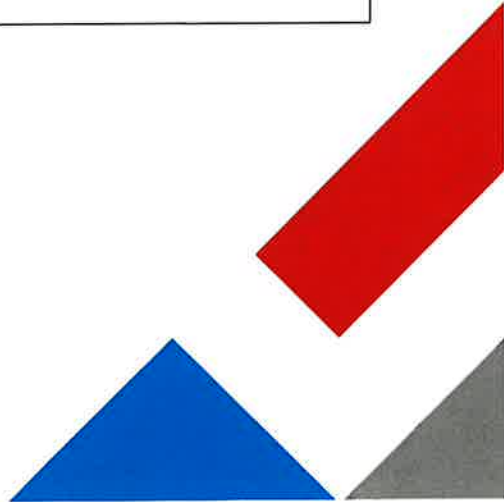


The best way to illustrate the threat posed by the debt is the U.S. Debt-to-Income ratio.



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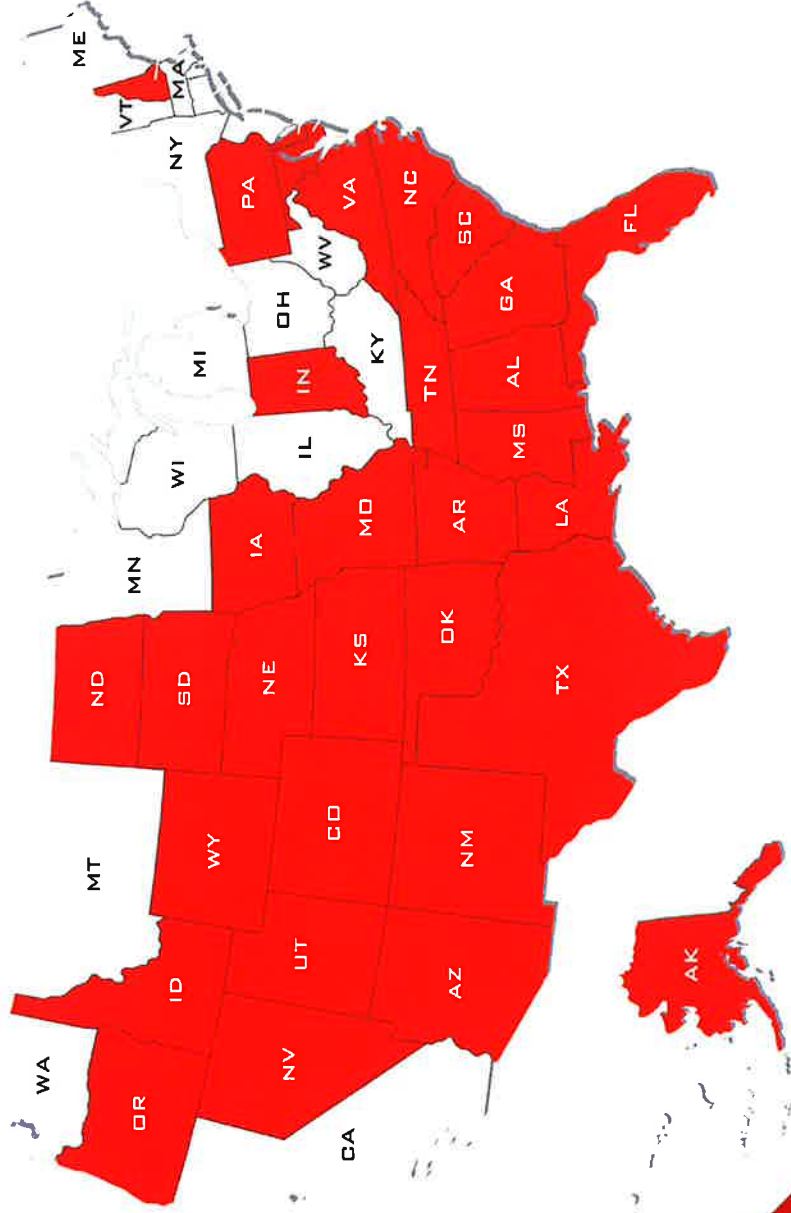
Due to the massive size of our debt, interest is now the second largest item in the Federal budget.

- In FY2023, we paid a record \$882 billion to service the debt. That's 20% of all Federal revenue blown on interest!**
- That will soon spike to 25% as Congress borrows \$2 trillion more each year, pushing us ever closer to disaster as interest chokes the Federal budget.**



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Ronald Reagan led the campaign to 32 states.



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Ronald Reagan didn't actually want a convention.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1947

Dear Senator Aklehead:

I am pleased to respond to your request for my views on the
Constitutional Convention. I am glad to see that you are
calling for a constitutional convention for the purpose
of drafting an amendment that would require a balanced Federal
budget.

I have long supported an amendment to the Constitution that
would require a balanced budget. I have
mentioned that cause in Congress on several occasions, calling
on the public and State officials and legislators to make their
views known. Thus far, all of these efforts have not been
successful in persuading Congress, although I have had an
opportunity to speak on this subject at several public affairs
events in the Senate by the slim margin of one vote. It has
now become obvious that without further State initiatives
Congress will not act to impose a limit on its own spending.

I therefore believe that further action by the States, and
particularly by the Montana Legislature, in petitioning Congress
to call for a constitutional convention for the sole purpose of
drafting a balanced budget amendment will go far towards con-
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for this purpose. If your effort is successful, Montana would be
the 33rd State to pass such a resolution, just one short of the
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may finally convince Congress to act on an amendment of its
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I hope these views will be helpful to you as you continue your
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Sincerely,



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This Strategy Has Historic Precedent.

17th

AMENDMENT

**The Threat of a
Convention
Convinced Congress
to Propose the 17th
Amendment .**



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That is our strategy as well.

It is highly unlikely that Congress will stand by (at 33 states) and watch the states push to 34, go to a convention and write the fiscal rules Congress will have to budget by forever.



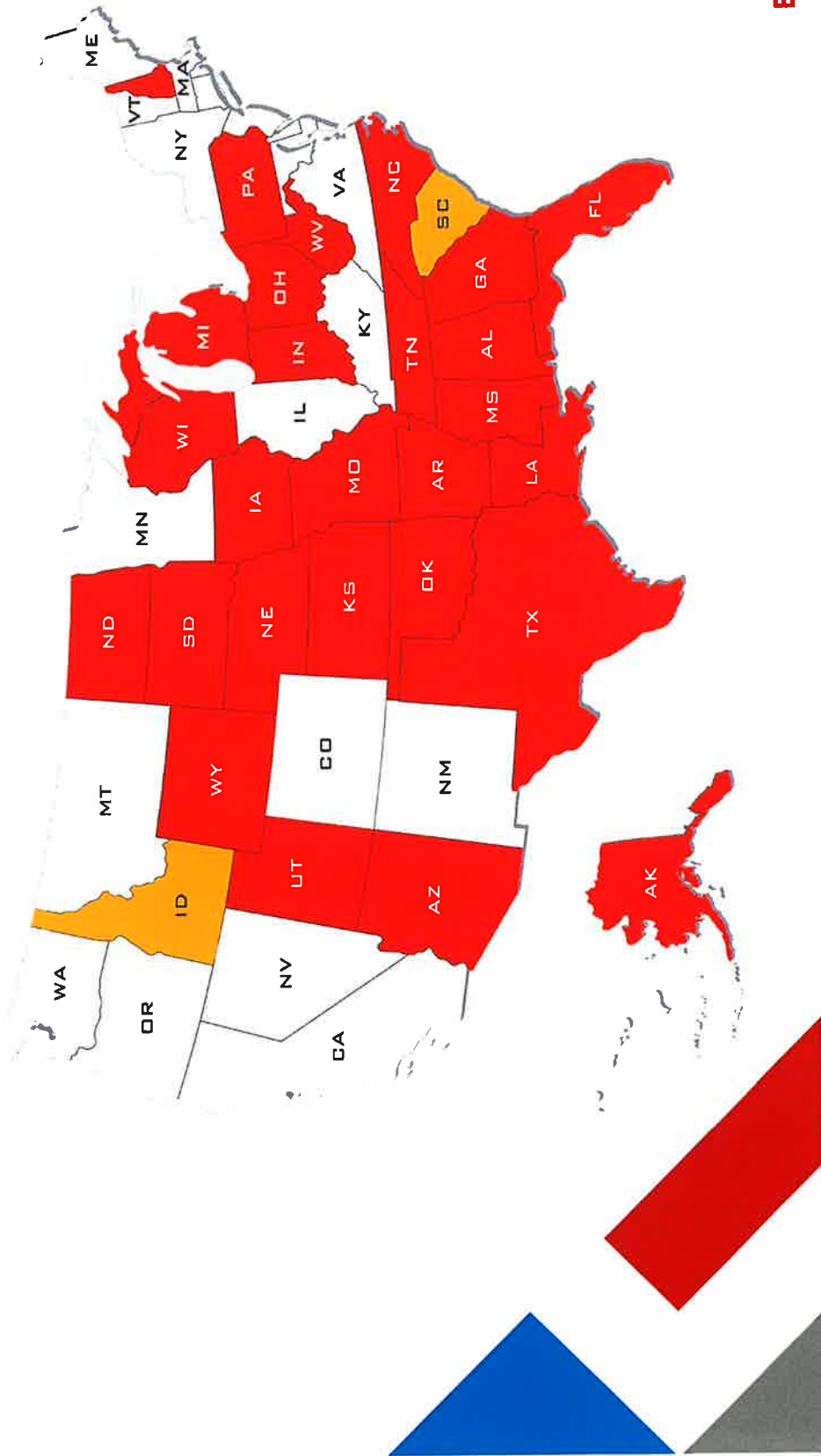
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Even if we had to go to a convention, there is no risk.

- The simple fact that our opponents don't want you to think about is that Republicans, with control of 29 state legislatures, would control a convention.**
- That means any dangerous amendment, such as a repeal of the 2nd Amendment, would have to be passed by the GOP.**
- And with 29 Republican-controlled state legislatures, a repeal of the 2nd Amendment wouldn't come close to the 38 states required for ratification.**



Idaho and South Carolina will put us at 29.



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