

Proponent Testimony of David Schneider

In Support of SCR1604

Kansas Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee

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Chairman, Vice Chairman, and members of the committee,

My name is David Schneider, and I live in Milford, Kansas. I am here today to voice my strong support for SCR1604, a resolution applying to Congress under Article V of the U.S. Constitution to call a convention of states for the purpose of proposing amendments that will rein in the size, scope, and jurisdiction of the federal government, impose term limits on members of Congress, and enact fiscal restraints.

I have dedicated the last 12 years of my life to this cause. I was the very first State Director for the Convention of States initiative in Kansas, and since then, I have traveled the country helping six other states pass similar legislation. I have seen firsthand the growing frustration of Americans who feel that Washington, D.C., is no longer accountable to the people. The national debt is spiraling out of control, career politicians continue to enrich themselves while ignoring the will of their constituents, and federal agencies impose regulations that stifle our economy and individual freedoms.

The framers of our Constitution, in their wisdom, anticipated this very situation. They gave us a constitutional mechanism—Article V—so that the states, acting together, could propose amendments to curb federal overreach when Congress refuses to act. That is exactly what SCR1604 seeks to do.

This is not a partisan issue; it is an American issue. The Convention of States effort has received bipartisan support across the country because it focuses on restoring balance in our system of government. The resolution before you today is the same model legislation that has already been passed by 19 other states. By passing SCR1604, Kansas has the opportunity to join this growing movement and take a stand for our constitutional liberties.

Twelve years ago, I dedicated myself to this cause for my children's future. Today, I have two amazing grandchildren, and I want them to grow up in a country that has been steered back on course—one that is ready to support future generations.

I respectfully urge this committee to pass SCR1604 and move Kansas one step closer to restoring the balance of power envisioned by our Founders.

Thank you for your time and consideration.