

My name is Michael Fame and I'm in support of an Article V Convention of States. Currently the resolution has been passed in 19 states and the great state of Kansas has the opportunity to become #20. In 2023, Kansas voted in the majority in both chambers on this resolution. Of the 27 constitutional amendments that have been ratified, they all needed 75% approval from the states. 75% is the highest threshold in all of US Government. Any amendments that are proposed from an Article V Convention, would still need the 75% approval. This is a fact that opponents always fail to mention. Also keep in mind, that this convention will be limited to only 3 subjects of discussion and that any discussion not pertaining to those subjects will be declined. Many of the states that have passed the application, have made convention laws, making the commissioners the legislators themselves.

The founding fathers strongly believed in states rights, because there's no place like home and the state legislatures have the closest connection to the people. The federal government should be acting upon the wishes of the states, not the other way around. The framers knew that congress may

not propose amendments that would go against their own power. This is why they created another method to propose amendments, as a check and balance on the federal government. The last time congress successfully proposed an amendment against themselves, was over 230 years ago.

Even though all of our constitutional amendments have been proposed by congress, 17 out of the 33 proposals started with state applications to hold an article v convention on those topics. The reason we have our valued and sacred Bill of Rights, is due to New York and Virginia initially passing an Article V Convention application for a Bill of Rights. We need 15 more states to hold the convention or like many past amendments, Congress may be pressured to act with proposals, as more states join like Kansas.

We need to hold the federal government accountable and to fix our current system. 49 out of 50 state legislatures have balanced budget requirements and 43 out of 50 have single subject bill requirements in their constitutions. If over 75% of states have to be accountable to the people, so should the federal government. We have an opportunity for Kansas to follow the yellow brick road and with a 2/3 vote this time in both chambers,

to create true change in our national government. I ask that Kansas be part of history and support this resolution. Thank you.