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Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee:

The Convention of States resolution before you has three subjects:

1. Term limits.

The US Congress will never pass an amendment proposal to limit their terms of office.

2. Limit federal power.

We have a federal Department of Education which requires schools to follow certain procedures in order to receive funds. Why should the State of Kansas send money to the federal government, receiving only a percentage of it back, and then be told how and what to teach Kansas children? The competency of US children ranks in the lower level of results of all nations. Each state should just keep 100% of the money collected and control it the way their citizens want it used.

There are other departments of the federal government in which unelected bureaucrats have added regulations not included in the laws passed by Congress. This has added to the overspending problem.

3. Fiscal restraints.

All the citizens of this country, as well as most state and local governments are restrained to spend only what money they earn or receive through taxation. The federal government should also be so restrained. We need the federal government to stop printing and spending money beyond what taxes are collected. Spending less money on favorite projects of congressional members would be a good start.