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SCR 1604, Hearing in the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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Chairman Thompson and members of the Federal and State Affairs Committee,

I most strongly oppose SCR 1604 and I urge you to vote no. Two Kansas legislators, in clear violation of their oath to office, have filed lawsuits in the hopes that a federal court will strike down the two thirds requirement found in Article II, Section 13 of the Kansas Constitution. Most ironically both legislators, Mike Thompson and Michael Murphy, claim to support calling for an Article V Convention because the Federal government is out of control. To limit the power of the federal government, in their suit they are asking the Federal government to overturn our state Constitution which they both took an oath to uphold!

“I don’t think anyone with sincerity could argue the federal government isn’t out of control,” - Mike Thompson during Senate floor debate in 2023 on calling for an Article V Convention.

The federal government is out of control that is true. The federal government however is not a reason to ignore the elephant in the room; We have state legislators who are out of control and proponents of an Article V can care less as not one has called these legislators out. The same flawed logic on display goes far beyond Mike Thompson and Michael Murphy. The federal government is largely out of control because the several states and their legislators within their jurisdiction, have failed to hold the constitutional line and enforce the words written. Calling for an Article V Convention is a cop out used by legislators who have failed to uphold their own oaths in performance of their duties. The US Constitution isn't at fault, the words on parchment cannot enforce themselves.

Proponents of an Article V Convention believe adding words to an unenforced document, and asking the federal government to overturn the Kansas State Constitution will ultimately limit the power of the federal government. Oh bless their hearts; I will remain among the opponents who understand that delegates to a second Constitutional Convention will behave just as inappropriately as our Kansas legislators who violate their oaths and care not for basic logical reasoning.

As members on the committee, you have a decision to make. You can try to place a halt to the insanity of those calling for an Article V, or you can place the entire future and foundations of this nation in the hands of those who clearly lack basic logical reasoning.

In past times, I have submitted testimony to other committees and pointed to historical facts which prove a second constitutional convention cannot be limited to any subject matter directed by any state. The actions of our own legislators today, further proves my past testimony that

calling for an Article V will only endanger our Constitutional Republic in its entirety as no constraints will exist. The unintended consequence will likely prove deadly as the already frayed fabric holding this union together will split.

In closing, I don't think anyone with sincerity could argue delegates to a convention can be restricted to any subject matter when obviously, the very legislators calling for the convention aren't limited to their oath to office.

"It is important to strengthen the State governments; and as this cannot be done by any change in the Federal Constitution (for the preservation of that is all we need contend for), it must be done by the States themselves, erecting such barriers at the constitutional line as cannot be surmounted either by themselves or by the General Government. The only barrier in their power is a wise government. A weak one will lose ground in every contest" - Thomas Jefferson

Much of this is written with intent for the future generation to see in history, the truth of the politicians of this current time, to help piece together the inevitable fall of this nation.