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In favor of HCR-5005

There are 3 main reasons why Convention of States is important to me; Civil Liberty, Freedom, and Justice. (This is not the same as a currently termed 'social justice', but specifically the meaning of 'justice' in my brief is synonymous with impartiality and fair representation of facts as defined by our founding fathers.)

In the preamble of the Constitution of the United States, our founding fathers, who represented the people of our nation, defined their purpose. They wrote, "We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish the Constitution for the United States of America." (U.S. Constitution) We have a great constitution in place in America to insure civil liberty, freedom, and justice. Although, our constitution has been abused.

I take an oath when I pledge my allegiance to the American flag. Its meaning is very significant to me when I recite this pledge. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

When taking office, our federally elected officials take an oath that states, "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute my office and will to the best of my ability protect and defend the Constitution of the United States" (U.S. Constitution). They take an oath to protect and defend our civil liberty, freedom, and justice.

Our constitution, when followed, provides 'We the People of the United States' with liberty, freedom and justice. It provides for checks and balances between the legislative, executive, and judicial branches, limiting the power of each branch, when followed. By our election/voting process it provides the way 'We the People' decide who represents us in this limited federal government. Most of the governing rights of power are to stay with 'We the People' at the state level. Our constitution is not a flawed constitution. It is an abused constitution resulting in loss of civil liberty, freedom, and justice.

If our federal government has been faithfully executed by the laws of the constitution, how can our nation be over \$140 trillion dollars in debt? If our constitution has been faithfully followed, where are those checks and balances that limit the powers of each of the three branches of the federal government? The obvious answer is that our constitution has not been faithfully following the laws contained therein, therefore loss of civil liberty, freedom, and justice for 'We the People'.

Our Founding fathers were wise enough to realize that men in government would be tempted to abuse political power, that the federal government would no longer adhere to the checks and balances of

power outlined and limited in the Constitution. Therefore, they included in Article V, the Amendment article of the Constitution that states, “on the application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the several states, shall call a convention for proposing amendments, which, in either case, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of this Constitution,.....” (U.S. Constitution)

Civil liberty, freedom, and justice are very important to me. **Would you please vote in favor of HCR-5005**, the first step to regain civil liberty, freedom, and justice to ‘We the People’, to the great state of Kansas, and to the United States of America!