

HCR 5005

Fed/State Committee - Speech

Hello, my name is Susan Waddle and I am from Spring Hill, KS, a small town in southern Johnson County. I am the wife of a small business owner, a mother of 4, a homeschool mom, and a foster parent.

Like most Americans I have become increasingly concerned about the continuing advancement of the Federal Government's overreach and invasion into our lives. It occurs in all 3 branches of government and it does not matter which party is in office. In his book "The Liberty Amendments," Mark Levin states the problem as follows:

"What was to be a relatively innocuous federal government, operating from a defined enumeration of specific grants of power, has become an ever-present and unaccountable force. It is the nation's largest creditor, debtor, lender, employer, consumer, contractor, grantor, property owner, tenant, insurer, health-care provider, and pension guarantor. Moreover, with the aggrandized police powers, what it does not control directly it bans or mandates by regulation."

Thus, the frustration of so many Americans. My own personal concerns compelled me to go back to school and study law. I wanted to know more about the history of our government and law, how it all began and how we ended up where we are today. I was also hoping to discover a way to not just plug up the leaks in the damn of the limiting, enumerated powers of the government meant to ensure our unalienable rights and liberties, but a way to shore up the entire wall.

When I heard about the Convention of States Project I remembered back to my 12th grade Constitution class with Ms. Smith. She taught us that under Article V there are actually two ways to amend the Constitution, one is through the U.S. Congress and the other is through the state legislatures who are the closest to "We the People." I knew this was the answer. In fact, it is the very solution given to us by our Founders in order to reign in an overreaching, invasive, Federal Government. It was as if they knew this was an almost certain eventuality.

Accordingly, today I ask for your support and for the passage of HCR 5005.

Thank you.