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SCR 1611
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In Opposition
Testimony: Written Only

Dear Chairman Bud Estes and the members of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs:

I am writing to voice my opposition to SCR1611: Making application to the U.S. Congress to call a convention of the States.

Many leading conservative and progressive groups, scholars, economists, lawmakers, and policy experts rightly oppose a constitutional convention, because it could have the unintended consequence of unraveling our nation's fundamental freedoms.

The Constitution has been an evolving document that has reflected the best of our country. Men and women serving in law enforcement and in our armed forces have served and sacrificed to protect the freedoms we have in this sacred document. I was a spouse of a U.S. Air Force serviceman and sacrificed my autonomy and career in supporting him.

If passed:

The bill would put power and control not in the hands of the people, but in the hands of politicians and special interests, since Politian's choose which delegates attend the convention. This is the ultimate power grab by special interest groups because they will have unprecedented access to alter our country's Constitution. The Convention could make its own rules and set its own agenda. "There is no enforceable mechanism to prevent a convention from reporting out wholesale changes to our Constitution and Bill of Rights." - *Former Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg.*

As an elected member of our state's legislature you have taken an oath to defend the Constitution, not put it in harm's way.

I ask that you oppose SCR1611.

Thank you for your consideration,

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