

Testimony  
Convention of States Resolution HCR 5027

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I firmly feel that some action must be taken to curb the overreach of our Federal Government into affairs that are best left to the states and local government. The Federal Government has gone far beyond the intent of our US Constitution to force nationwide compliance in matters that of which it has little knowledge of the local situation. The states put the Federal Government in place. Now the Federal Government is micromanaging the states.

I am close to local teachers, students, and school board members. Overreach is having a negative impact on their lives. As an example of overreach, I cite the COVID situation. The Federal Government mandated online teaching and masking. I have talked to teachers that are focused on what is best for the students. They lament the situation. Many students have lost a year of real education plus a social setback due to masking and online teaching. Our schools should be administered by local government with parents involved, not the Federal Government.

I also am very concerned about our national debt and the fact that Congress has no appetite to impose limits on spending. The debt is a real threat. It may well destroy our nation as we know it.

I firmly believe that a Convention of States, HR5027 is the only solution. Some think it is risky. But with all the safe protections in the process, the minuscule risks are far smaller than inaction. An analogy is the sinking of the Titanic. If you had been there and offered a seat on a lifeboat, that has some risk, would you take it or stay on the ship with no plan and time running out.

Time is running out.

Please take the steps to assure that HCR 5027 is ultimately passed by the Kansas Legislature.

Sincerely,  
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