

Honorable Chairman and Committee Members,

We are at an epic moment in our Nation's history and the whole world is watching. The state of Kansas has the opportunity this year to step up with it's fellow states who have thus far passed the Convention of States Resolution. The voice of people across this Nation are demanding to be heard, and they are insisting that their State Representatives be their voice now.

Article V is not complex; the language is clear, concise, and was created as a safety measure to be set forth in the text. Its inclusion was intended to reserve for the People, an avenue to address any abuses that may arise in Congress wherein their interests were not being represented. The Founding Fathers were wise, and the inclusion of Article V in the Constitution was insisted upon by the several states before they would agree to ratify the Constitution.

Does this not attest to its importance in the drafting of our foundational document and its ultimate inclusion of Article V?

I am unable to ascertain any good reason to oppose HCR 5027. The entire purpose of Article V is to allow a majority of States to join together and propose amendments to the Constitution. If passed, 3/4 of the states must vote any such amendment into Law. There exists no greater or less partisan vehicle to maintain a check on what laws Congress is actually creating and how they are ultimately funding these Bills. Is there no need for oversight or auditing? Right now, we have a 2500+ page proposed Bill in the House replete with misdirected policies and excessive wasteful spending.

How many Congressmembers have actually read this document in its entirety let alone poled their constituents for their input on its passage? I venture to say, very few.

There exists growing expansion of congressional power over interests that were intended to be reserved to the states. The duties and scope of the authority of Congress was intentionally limited under the Constitution. Delegation of duties and the funneling of money to federally created agencies has overtaken reasonable spending and undue federal control over individual and state rights.

All branches of the federal government were created to represent the interests of the People and to preserve and protect the Constitution. The People are the trunk of the tree. Our Nation. These branches serve the trunk, not the reverse.

Regarding term limits, more often than not, leads to corruption, laziness, and a progressive disinterest in their constituency. That is evident for all to see in real time. I have yet to meet a fellow citizen who does not agree that term limits are needed now more than ever.

Legislative overreach and judicial expansion of the basic framework of our Constitution has done the American People little to no service. Congress was intended to have very limited

powers and only those as delineated in the Constitution. States are sovereign and have express authority to propose Amendments to the Constitution under Article V on behalf of its Citizens.

Much of the language in the Constitution and its Amendments have also been carelessly construed and politically tainted by our Judiciary. The expansion of the authority of Congress to overlegislate under the auspices of "spending" is not sustainable. Spending is out of control due to the increasing numbers of federal agencies who are in actuality, usurping a long list of state interests such as health, education, elections, immigration, etc.. The funding of those agencies is done with minimal to no fiscal oversight. More concerning is that we are funding programs and federal agencies that may not be appropriate or desired in any given state.

The powers and authority of the Legislative Branch of the Federal Government have been grossly distended over the last several years and progressively over decades. It is clear why we are now experiencing our current problems with a federal overreach dilemma.

Perhaps there exists the same type of over-reach and failure to truly represent constituents going on at local and state levels. But these governmental bodies are closer to the people. The citizens are in a better position to select and vote in Representatives that have their interests at heart and legislate accordingly.

Every year, state and individual sovereignty diminishes and more authority is given away to a Federal Patriarchy. We are not children of anyone but God. Kansas must secure their Constitutionally preserved authority on behalf of their People as well as the Nation before the whole framework of Our Constitution irreparably erodes.

There is a swelling of Grassroots activism reverberating across our Nation and in Kansas insisting that State Legislatures limit the federal government from intrusive and unconstitutional interference in individual and state rights through the Article V Amendment process.

I am new to the state of Kansas and have lived in Concordia for one year. I escaped California after having practiced law for over 30 years. As you well know through current and past events, California has become the scarlet letter on the face of the Nation. I am proud and grateful to reside in Kansas.

I am lending my hand and heart in support of COS, a most essential movement designed by our founding fathers to protect individual and state freedom. Kansas is a magnificent state with exceptionally loving and patriotic residents. I owe this state and my grandchildren the best of my efforts toward insuring that their country and futures are not stolen from under us while we looked away because of complacency or fear.

The ability to discern right from wrong is deeply embedded in every Soul. Now is the time for Kansas to choose what Master they will serve. I am hopeful that the path taken by the Representatives in this state will serve the highest needs of their constituency and utilize the pure language of the US Constitution under Article V.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above testimony is true and correct.

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