

HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to the committee in Support of HCR5027 under consideration by you today.

It is clear that the Federal Government is far exceeding the intended authority as written in the US Constitution. Our country was founded as a Democratic Republic with clear separation of powers.

The Founders of our country foresaw a time when the States would need to have the ability to amend the constitution when overreach by the federal government was creating the Tyranny our forefathers fought so valiantly to stop.

As a state volunteer with Convention of States I hear from many people who are very concerned about how the government has over stepped its bounds by:

- Mandates requiring children to stay home instead of going to school to learn and interact with other children. The burden put on families because parents can't afford additional daycare due to their children not being in school.
- Shutting down small business and allowing large business to stay open, resulting in massive business failures.
- Mask mandates in public and private facilities.
- Lack of therapeutics to treat COVID. I personally lost 2 relatives due to the lack of medications being available.
- The censorship of opposing points of view in social media, the news and by the federal government.
- The out-of-control spending by the federal government which has exploded our federal deficit to over 29 trillion dollars.
- The way the federal government has totally disregarded our immigration laws and allowed millions of illegal aliens to enter our country.
- How the government has required federal employees to be vaccinated with little regard to exemptions due to religious or medical reasons.
- The turning of a blind eye by the federal government in fighting coordinated violence in our cities over the past 2 years.

I hear these concerns every week as I talk to people who are concerned where our country is headed. These are ordinary people who are concerned for their country and believe the state has to take a stand (has the obligation) and pass this resolution to help reign in the federal government.

Respectfully,

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