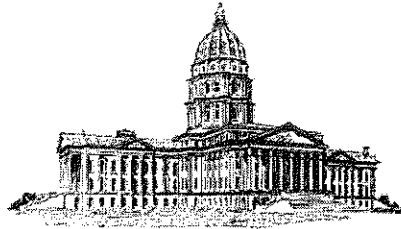


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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Kansas House Federal and State Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to say a few words in this hearing this morning.

Following the first paragraph of the Declaration of Independence:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. ___ That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, ___ That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. ___ Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government.

This Declaration, and the Constitution we all swore to uphold and protect, along with its articles and amendments are established to preserve freedom and civil government for ours, and generations to come. Thank you for your consideration of Article 5 and a Convention of States.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emil Bergquist". The signature is written over a horizontal line and has a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Representative Emil Bergquist