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**Subject:** URGENT: OPPOSE HJR2 (SJR1) COS, and All Other Article V Legislation \*\*Written Testimony Against HJR2\*\*

Honorable Representatives:

You are endangering all Ohio citizens by even considering any Article V constitutional convention bills, which the constitution re-writers **falsely** claim is a **safe** process!

Article V, also, provides for a method of amending the *United States Constitution*, whereby 2/3rds vote of both houses of the US Congress propose amendments, which are then ratified by 3/4ths of the **State Legislatures**. This method has **safely** served our Nation for over 200 years. You need to adhere to this **safe** method to add amendments.

Lawyers and Elected Official surely know that **state** delegates to a **federal** constitutional convention CANNOT be controlled, no matter what you have been told by the constitution re-writers, who are **maneuvering** to be convention "delegates" at the table.

These plenipotentiary delegates will have **sovereign** power, **superior to the states and the federal government**, to proceed with their own rules of law!

Have you considered that a **federal** constitutional convention will likely be done in a secret setting, as was the constitutional convention, which gave us our *U.S. Constitution* in 1787?

Tell me how you would be privy to your Ohio delegates' behavior in this meeting, and who they really might represented? As **states only petition Congress** to convene a constitutional convention, what assurance do you have that Congress won't be making the delegate selections, not the states, from unelected, self-serving individuals. Likely, those who don't follow the *Constitution* now will be appointed to reign over damage of unthinkable possibilities!

Are you aware, when submitting a proposed amendment to the states for ratification, **Congress** gets to choose the **mode of ratification**, *that being by state conventions, or by the state legislature*? Unless the sovereign "delegates" change that rule, which is their right! After states **petition Congress** to convene a constitutional convention, there are no other **guaranteed** roles for state legislators.

In 2004, VA Delegate Lingamfelter said, after Virginia **rescinded** all Article V constitutional convention resolutions, "...the operations of a convention are unknown and the apportionment and selection of delegates, method of voting in convention, and other essential procedural details are not specified in Article V...the prudent course requires the General Assembly to rescind and withdraw all past applications for a convention to amend the Constitution..."

These Article V constitutional convention bills are not only foolhardy, but needlessly puts over *300 million* Americans' unalienable rights, guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, in mortal danger!

Remember the words of **VA Del. Mark D. Sickles (D-Fairfax)**, who said: **“I’m against it, but if we have one, I want to be a delegate. There’s a lot of problems with this Constitution. I’ll just get up to this convention and start whacking away.”**

**STOP HJR2 (SJR1)**, and All Other Article V Legislation.

Do the right thing and honor your oath of office...” *to support and defend the Constitution”!*

“Abide By The Constitution, Not Change It”

Respectfully,

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