

Chairwoman Roegner, Vice-Chairman Lipps, Ranking Member Leland, distinguished members of the Federalism and Interstate Relations committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you in proponent testimony for HJR 2. I would also like to thank you, on behalf of the Convention of States project in Ohio, for hearing the testimony in support of HJR 2 and for fielding the phone calls, emails and meetings with the Convention of States Project supporters. We all appreciate your service for the great state of Ohio.

The supporters of the Convention of States Project and HJR 2, have grown organically from 390 when I became the state director of the Convention of States Project to over 30,000 supporters today. Our all-volunteer organization in Ohio has district captains in every senate district across the state of Ohio. You may have heard from them and the supporters in your district - and I trust that their interaction with your office has been polite and professional. I know that you have their support in appreciation of your support of HJR 2.

In my experience as state director, I have been honored to interact and work with our team, a team that, like Ohio, is a cross-section of the people of our great nation. Our supporters are truly an engaged citizenry. Like the citizens of our Founder's era, this engaged citizenry will stand with you to make our beloved state and our beloved republic stronger and more secure for us and our posterity. This will be made possible through an Article V convention of states. I would respectfully ask for your vote in favor of House Joint Resolution 2. Thank you.