

Re: **HJR2 (SJR1)** a COS application

Dear Representatives,

This resolution could be the most important vote you will ever make. **The fate of our Constitution is at stake.**

This would petition Congress to call a convention to alter the Constitution.

Congress decides how the delegates will be chosen and once convened the delegates determine the procedures and what will be voted on.

This resolution has the possible result in a "runaway" convention.

Note this passage in the early portion of the Declaration of Independence:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, ... 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 affect their Safety and Happiness. (emphasis mine)

Since "the right of the people to alter or abolish [our government], and to institute new government" is proclaimed in a key portion of the Declaration of Independence, and since this right was reaffirmed eleven years later when the Constitution opened with "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union ... do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America," you could say that this is part of our national DNA.

With the outcome so uncertain and the result so iffy, it seems very unwise to now pursue petitioning Congress to call a convention. Amendments can still be passed the traditional way, as has happened with the twenty-seven amendments that have been passed so far. This can be done without the risks of calling for a convention.

Please vote NO on HJR2 (SJR1)

Thank you,

Respectfully,

Sue Long