

Ohio Testimony

Distinguished members of the Ohio Assembly, thank you for your service you the great state of Ohio and thank you for hearing our resolution today.

My name is Ken Clark, I'm the Regional Director for the Convention of States Project, and I oversee the grass roots and legislative efforts for nine states, Ohio being one of them. Because of my position I have the unique privilege of traveling from state to state, working with and helping to build grass roots teams with some of the most dedicated patriots in the country.

I would like to take a moment to give you a bit of background on the COS project from a 35000 foot view, a bit of a national overview if you will.

The national staff consists of 18 full time employees who exist for one purpose, to support the grass roots efforts in the states and the state chapters. We have teams in each of the 50 states consisting of 6-8 state level leaders in each state, District Captains in most of the state house districts nation wide, we have over 3000 of them nation wide and we have 83 in Ohio who support over 30000 supporters and volunteers here in the Buckeye State. We have petition signers in ever single State district nation wide, we are the first organization in history to accomplish this.

We have passed our resolution in 9 states so far, Georgia, Alaska, Louisiana, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Alabama, Indiana, Florida, and we passed in Arizona yesterday. We have active legislation currently pending in 30 states this year including OH.

We have over 2.2 million supporters and volunteer's nation wide, over 1 million Facebook followers and are growing at a rate of over 30000 per month and it's picking up speed.

The reason goes back to the Declaration of Independence itself and the preamble to the Constitution witch simply says, "We the People". We the people gave power to the states that in turn gave power and in fact formed, the Federal Government. This is why it is appropriate for We the People working through our state governments to reign in and force the Federal Government to act responsibly, they have proven beyond all doubt they are incapable of responsible action on their own.

For this reason, we are praying for our state Delegates to invoke their constitutional power as outlined in Article V to call for a convention of the states in order to propose amendments to the Constitution that will force Fiscal responsibility on, and limit the power and gross overreach of the federal government.

What I have found in testifying in dozens of committee hearings over the years is most State Legislators are very comfortable in their roll as leaders and lawmakers inside their state but are a bit unfamiliar with their roll as overseers of the Federal Government. ART V is the ultimate check of states as it pertains to oversight of DC. You have not only have the authority but the responsibility to restrain the Federal Government when they lose their way. They have lost their way so the responsibility is now yours and yours alone. For you alone have the power, you alone have the responsibility to stop them, you alone have Article V. Our founders left the fait of our republic in your hands, it is your duty to act and act now. Please vote for our resolution.

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