

Honorable Senators:

I am appalled that Ohio is continuing down this path to put our *U.S. Constitution* in mortal danger!

*While embracing our country's wide political views, we must be together on this irrevocable decision to open our U.S. Constitution to "**delegates**", who will have the **sovereign power** to radically change the life blood of America...our Rule of Law!*

Don't turn our Constitution over to people like **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.**"

In 2004, Virginia Delegate Lingamfelter said, after Virginia rescinded all Article V constitutional convention resolutions, "...*the operations of a convention are unknown and the apportionment and selection of delegates, method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...*"

They understood the dangers of opening up our *U.S. Constitution* "to unelected, special interest, self-serving individuals".

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.

A **Balanced Budget Amendment [BBA]** to the *U.S. Constitution* could increase the power of the federal government, as most of the amendments do, other than the first ten.

As it is now, spending by Congress is restricted by the Constitution to fund only the "enumerated" powers.

Congress doesn't obey the Constitution when they authorize money for things not listed as authorized by the Constitution!

A **Balanced Budget Amendment [BBA]** would limit spending, not by what the *U.S. Constitution* authorizes, but only by the amount of the cost- thus **legalizing what is now unconstitutional!**

*"So a BBA would fundamentally transform our Constitution from one of **enumerated powers only** to one of **general and unlimited powers** – because the federal government would then be authorized by the Constitution to exercise power over ANY object they decide to put into the budget!" P. Huldah*

The real answer:

Citizens will vote into office, *local and state legislators* that *will not* take federal grants, and at the federal level, legislators that *will abide* by their oath of office and *abide* by the *U.S. Constitution*, which would then result in a balanced budget.

STOP SJR1 (HJR2), and All Other Article V Legislation. A *Balanced Budget Amendment [BBA]* is **still** a call for a constitutional convention with ALL the same **risks** inherent to the process.

These Article V Bills will put over *300 million* Americans' unalienable rights, guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, at a **risk** not seen since our Constitution's creation in 1787.

We implore you to carefully consider your position. Our children's future to live in a free society and the greatest nation on earth is in your hands.

"Abide By The Constitution, Not Change It"

Respectfully,

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