**Dear Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee:**

**It is critical for the patriots of our nation to educate themselves about the truth, dangers, and folly of the Article V convention. This hair brain scheme will not solve one thing, but instead, create major chaos. In the words of Mark Meckler, spokesman for the Convention of States project, "Since the federal government ignores the Constitution as now written, why would it obey an amended Constitution?"**

[***https://fairfaxfreecitizen.com/2017/08/18/meckler-admits-convention-states-wont-solve-problem/***](https://fairfaxfreecitizen.com/2017/08/18/meckler-admits-convention-states-wont-solve-problem/)

**Our framers told us how to rein in a federal government that usurps power not delegated, and it did not include an Article V convention! In addition to electing faithful**

**servants, our framers wrote that the States that created the federal government need to**

**protect the People by refusing to comply with unconstitutional federal “laws.” [This would**

**include not accepting federal funds for purposes outside of the enumerated powers.] Article**

**V gives power to Congress and was meant to correct errors in the Constitution. I am confident that, after careful consideration of all the written testimony against SJR2, the grave danger it represents will become glaringly evident.**

**Thank you for your loyal patriotism.**

**Sincerely,**

**Sally Fisher**

**Phyllis Schlafly Eagles**

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY AGAINST THE CONVENTION OF STATES**

1. The Constitution is not the problem. The problem is that the federal and State

governments have ignored the Constitution and the People are ignorant about what it says.

The Constitution needs to be understood, defended and enforced—not amended or rewritten.

2. COS claims there are two Constitutions—the one we carry in our pocket and the one

as interpreted by the U.S. Supreme Court. They claim we need to amend the Constitution to

restore its original intent. This shows the problem isn’t the Constitution, but that the

Supreme Court violates it.

3. Why would the federal government comply with an amended Constitution when

they ignore the one we have now?

4. Amendments do *not* rein in governments predisposed to usurp. The “free exercise”

clause of the First Amendment did not prevent the federal courts from banning prayers in

the public schools; the Second Amendment did not stop them from infringing on gun

ownership; and the Tenth Amendment did not prevent the federal government from

usurping thousands of other powers not delegated.

5. You cannot “fix” federal usurpations of non-delegated powers by amending the

Constitution to say the federal government cannot do what the Constitution never gave it

the power to do in the first place!

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