

## Written Testimony against SJR1

Submitted to the Ohio Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee

***I respectfully submit this written testimony in opposition to SJR1.***

Justice Scalia called an Article V convention a “horrible idea” in the last year of his life. Phyllis Schlafly said it is playing Russian roulette with the Constitution. The Republican national platform committee voted nearly unanimously against an Article V convention last year in July in Cleveland. The legendary Solicitor General under President Reagan, Rex Lee, explained that constitutional conventions cannot be limited. Chief Justice Warren Burger said likewise. There is a duty to defend the Constitution against all its enemies, foreign ***and domestic***. That means rejecting SJR1.

***The overwhelming majority of States to consider the Convention of States (like SJR1) this year have rejected it, or have declined to act on it.*** Many states, including Arkansas, South Dakota and Utah, have voted it down.

Playing games with the Constitution by supporting a Con Con, or Convention of States, is something ***the grassroots strongly oppose***. It would open the door to repealing the Second Amendment, requiring taxpayer-funded abortion, repealing the Electoral College, and even changing our system of government into a European-style parliamentary system. It means giving the media influence over changing the Constitution. Voting for a Con Con would be a sell-out to mega-donors who want to rewrite the Constitution.

Here are some questions to ask proponents of a Convention of States:

- \* who is spending many millions of dollars to try to change the Constitution?
- \* could an amendment adopted by a “convention of states” be a repeal of the Electoral College?
- \* could an amendment adopted by a “convention of states” be a repeal of the Second Amendment?
- \* could an amendment adopted by a “convention of states” be a reduction in border security?
- \* could an amendment adopted by a “convention of states” be taxpayer-funded abortion?
- \* could an amendment adopted by a “convention of states” be a repeal of the 2/3rds requirement for treaties?
- \* do you know what specific amendments are sought by the mega-donors behind the push for a Con Con?
- \* what specific amendments do you seek?

***Please block and vote against SJR1.*** The grassroots side with politicians who stand up for the Constitution against big money and backroom deals. ***Please vote NO on SJR1!*** Thank you for considering this.

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