

## **Testimony of Susan Dunn in support of HJR 1**

Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chairwoman John, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the Committee:

I am from West Chester, Ohio, House District 52 and have a great concern for what is happening to the United States of America. I am 69 years old, retired, and ashamed that I did not pay attention to the forces that were at work to change our country into something that it was never intended to be. I should have spoken up decades ago about the federal government's intrusion into our daily lives, from education to health care to restrictions on business, etc. I pray that I'm not too late to finally speak up now. Have you noticed how absolutely insane the news out of Washington, D.C. has been recently? Are you aware that millions of citizens have lost faith in their ability to make a difference at the polls on Election Day? That there is a sense of the D.C. elites thinking they are the only ones who know best?

The brave and brilliant founders of this country had a vision of liberty for the people that lived here then and are living here now. They clearly put the majority of the power of government into the states' hands, where we the people live. The federal government was to be in charge of national defense, in charge of securing individual liberties and in charge of order and justice among the states in accordance with the Constitution. What has happened in the 234 years since is that career politicians and a group of elitists have managed to take power away from the states and, in tyrannical fashion, concentrate it in the hands of the federal government. The founders of this country gave us the ability to correct this improper balance of power that they suspected could eventually happen—Article V of the Constitution of the United States of America.

Article V is important to me because it is the best way for the people in our states of residence to release the federal stranglehold on this nation of united states. I have put my energies into Convention of States because I believe that Washington, D.C. will never be willing to correct itself. It is up to us and it is up to YOU who represent the residents of Ohio, to be as brave as were our founding fathers. Their design for this country provided the most amazing structure for the benefit of its citizens, then and now. Whether that original structure will bless us into the future, as well, depends on 34 states supporting the call for a Convention of States. Please, make Ohio one of them! I, my children and grandchildren are counting on you!

Thank you for your service to Ohio and for this opportunity to address the committee.