

Honorable Chairman Wiggam, Honorable Vice-Chair John and Honorable Representatives and Committee Members.

My name is John Williams and I was, for almost seven years, a State Leader in several positions for Convention of States Project. Today, I stand before you as simply a resident of Ohio, a Voter and Taxpayer, but most importantly, a Citizen of the greatest country that has ever existed on this God-given earth.

Let me please begin with this question __Our US Constitution is hanging on a string and what do you plan on doing about it? Today we have become a nation based on a Society of Rule by Man. The Constitution, once held in high esteem, is now often ignored, changed to meet the opinion of a judge or bureaucrat or is considered to be out-dated. Whereas Our Founders revered it and considered it a document written for the ages. Many hate this Nation's form of Representative Republic government and are dedicated to destroying it, while others are apathetic and could care less about its rapidly deteriorating condition.

The choice before us and especially you, is plain, responsibility or chaos, conviction or compromise, discipline or disintegration. It is not too late to reverse the present trend but we must start now. I believe that foresight through hindsight conduces insight which we so badly need now.

You are the keys to the solution. You, the Representatives of the State, the States who jointly created the Government, are the center of the recipe of "Secret Sauce" that can save it. You have been put in this crucial position to begin the saving of our Country and The Constitution. In your prior Hearing, Representative Ginter, in an answer to a comment, recalled this, "Desperate times call for desperate measures. Such is the case today.

Please allow me a quick review of why you are obligated to act. The thirteen Colonial States assigned and authorized commissioners from each to convene to solve the issues of The Articles of Confederation, which had proven to be feckless. They were given the authority to "devise such further provisions as shall appear to them necessary to render the Constitution of the federal government adequate to the exigencies of the Union". They were not a runaway convention and this is clearly addressed by James Madison in Federalist 40. In as much, "Desperate times call for desperate measures", still today.

The Founders were not custom-building the Constitution for any particular age or economy. they were structuring a framework of government to fit the requirements of human nature, which does not change.

Though there was hardly a single idea which our American Founding Fathers put into their recipe that someone hadn't thought of before__ the singularity of it all was the fact that in 1787, none of those ideas were being substantially practiced anywhere in the World. Now that many of those Founder Principles are fading into oblivion and all the problems have risen to plague humanity, hope is raised again. In the prior hearing, Representative Grendell eluded to the fact that many of her constituents are looking to her for hope. **Representatives**, you have that **Hope** in your hands.

Without elaborating on the structure of government as built by the Founders, which you certainly understand, I want to focus on the most important element, other than that the Power of "We the People" is manifested in the Constitution, as birthed in the Declaration of Independence and it is unalienable and therefore absolute__ that most important element to be "checks and balances". These are implemented throughout the "Separation of Powers" and the protection of the Rights of the People __Articles I, II, III and IV.

This Principle of "Checks and Balances" is lastly structured in the second part of Article V, which is what we are here for. These Checks and Balances of "We the People", exercised by the Peoples State Representatives is the key ingredient in the Founders' Secret Sauce to save our nation.

I thank you all for this opportunity to testify in this most critical hearing process and implore you to support this COS Resolution HJR1 as the only logical and available solution to restore America.

John Williams