

Testimony of Virginia Morgan in support of HJR No.1

“Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chairwoman John, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the House S&LG Committee”

My daughter in law had asked me to include something in my grandson’s ‘time capsule’ on his first birthday in 2021, to be opened when he turns 18 in 2038. I submitted a Convention of States button, business card, brochure and this letter to be opened on his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

“Dear Frankie,

I am adding 3 items to your time capsule in 2021, the year that Convention of States volunteers like me are working hard to educate Ohio citizens in self-governance and to influence Ohio legislators to pass our Resolution to propose amendments that restore our system of federalism.

These items may seem insignificant or even unimportant in 2038, but they are of great importance now in 2021. When I write this, our country is embroiled in a spiritual war that is dividing us. These simple items represent a movement to return some order and balance between the States and an overgrown federal government.

Nothing stands still. Change is inevitable. But that Statue of Liberty you learned about in school, and may even have visited on a childhood vacation, has been a siren call for millions of legal immigrants who left tyrannical governments and limited opportunity to come to the United States. After they arrived many of them worked long hours and were often poor. So why did they come to the U.S.? They had an eye to a future time when their children and grandchildren could be educated and participate in a great system of government that protects the right to exercise individual freedom and choice: economic, religious, social, and spiritual freedom.

So, while these items may seem quaint in 2038, they represent in my time a grand movement to restore our constitutional republic and its core tenets of individual freedom that have drawn the world’s oppressed people here. I am working hard to protect those individual freedoms for you, Frankie, and your brother, and all children who deserve to grow up with opportunity to advance in life. I hope our effort in 2021 protects freedom for you to enjoy in 2038. I hope we solve the problems of spiritual divide. I hope we will not have failed you. It is the great human duty to protect freedom for future generations.” Love from your Gigi, Virginia Myers Morgan”