

TESTIMONY OF KEVIN PRIEST IN SUPPORT OF HJR1

WELLINGTON, OH, HOUSE DISTRICT 57

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

I am a Regional Captain for the Convention of States representing Ohio House Districts 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 37, 38, 55, 56, 57, 69 and 70.

I am writing in strong support of HJR1. The Federal Government has grown far larger in power and scope than our founding fathers ever imagined or designed. Our Constitution gives the Federal government limited powers while giving the States all other powers. This design was intentional to provide citizens with more local representation and control than the bureaucracy in Washington DC. They were keenly aware of the tyranny of the King of England and they intentionally wrote our constitution to prevent such power over of the people. Because they understood that the citizenry needed a lever of control over a Congress that may not be able to control itself, they provided Article V which gives the States the constitutional option to amend the Constitution if 3/4ths of the States vote for the proposed amendment or amendments.

15 states have already voted in favor of similar legislation with many more in the process. Our focus is on three issues. To limit the power and jurisdiction of the Federal government, impose fiscal restraints, and place term limits on federal officials.

Today the Federal government is involved in and controls our daily lives, our local schools, our jobs and even our worship. They are taxing and regulating us in more and more ways at higher and higher levels while spending us into bankruptcy. Our founders never envisioned career politicians who would enter politics after college and not leave until retirement but in too many cases this is what we have. We need new and fresh ideas coming into government and not people who spend most of their time trying to get re-elected. We need term limits.

The erosion of our freedoms and God given rights has to end now. The time has come for Ohio to Pass HJR1 and join the other states that have or will soon pass their own resolutions. I strongly urge you to pass HJR1.

For Liberty!

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