

Testimony of Mark Pagano in support of HJR1

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

I spent most of my adult life working for Marathon Petroleum Company in Findlay. My wife and I currently live in Chillicothe (House District-92), where we moved after I retired in order to be closer to our kids and grandkids.

Every morning while I was employed at Marathon, I would wake up and read the news from The Courier and now, it is the Chillicothe Gazette. The news that was reported in the last 20 years has been regulation added upon regulation from the Federal Government. As the government expanded their jurisdiction by micromanaging more aspects of my life, I would ask myself “how is this affecting my kids?” Now that I am older, I continue to ask that question, but now it is “how is this affecting my grandkids?”

When I have conversations with friends who still work at Marathon, they are telling me that the company needs to know personal medical details about employees. I am of the opinion that health decisions need to be discussed with a doctor, and not the business of anyone else.

I read in the news that our southern border is wide open and that drugs and sex trafficking are rampant because of this crisis. Those entering our country from the southern border have no Covid testing or Covid shots required before or after they are shipped all over the country.

Gas prices are up over \$1 a gallon from a year ago and now the IRS is considering tracking every transaction that is more than \$600.

All of these news items are the consequence of decisions that are made at the federal level. They are expanding their bureaucracy which is taking away my right to make decisions that are best for myself and our family.

Fortunately, our Founding Fathers gave us a solution in article V of the Constitution. A Convention of States must be called to reign in the abuses of power that our federal government is exhibiting. I am writing this testimony in order to ask you to support HJR1 not only for the sake of my kids and grandkids, but for everyone in our great nation.

Thank you for serving our state and giving me this opportunity to share my testimony.

Sincerely,

Mark Pagano

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