

A Personal Testimony of Mrs. Trena Bergin in Support of HJR No.1

To the Ohio House S&LG Committee Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chairwoman John, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the committee:

I am a life-long resident of Ohio and currently reside in Hilliard, which is in Ohio House District 24. I am retired secretary from Hilliard City Schools. I adamantly support the calling of a Convention of States.

As a citizen of the great state of Ohio, I am gravely concerned about the direction that the Federal government has chosen. It has begun to attempt to strip away our guaranteed personal rights and if unchecked will not only deny our rights, but also the rights of future generations of Americans.

As a Christian, I am very dismayed about Washington's infringements on the Bill of Rights. Of special concern is the powers enumerated in the 10th Amendment. The Federal government is confused about its delegated powers. It is completely ignoring its power to protect our borders and to practice fiscal responsibility, while usurping powers from the states that are not delegated to it like election reform and education.

I firmly believe in term limits for all members of Congress. I feel they are using their positions strictly to gain power and wealth with one thing in mind and that is to stay in Washington forever! That is not what the founding fathers intended. In fact, most of them could not wait to return to their private lives and were only in Congress to serve the American People.

There are many other issues where Washington has failed the American People: immigration, border security, welfare, balanced budget, COVID, Windfall Elimination (I'm a Retired School Secretary), to name a few.

It especially angers me to witness the special treatment given to illegal immigrants. They are receiving benefits that are reserved for citizens of the United States ONLY! While undeserving people are getting these benefits, the federal government is taking \$480 monthly from my Social Security check and calling that a "Windfall Elimination"! It's an insult and a horrible penalty to lay on public servants. The people getting the Windfall are all these illegal immigrants, NOT me, and I am the one who worked my entire life to get this benefit.

And the balanced budget is a joke . . . there is No balanced budget! The federal government should HAVE to balance their budgets! This is not teaching our children to be responsible citizens and stewards of what GOD has given them.

The federal government needs to take a pay cut and give the money to the men and woman who are fighting for their freedom! Likewise, the men and woman Police Officers and Firefighters who protect them and their families.

One way I can tell you how to help balance their budget is to tell China that our debt is expunged because of the 800,000 plus American Citizens they killed with their China Virus.

And bring back manufacturing to the United States of America! Open up the Pipeline!
We need and should be self-sufficient. That is what we teach our children. Make America great again!

Washington needs to be REIGNED IN.

I urge the committee members on the House Committee to approve HJR No.1 so Ohio can join the fight to protect ALL Americans' rights given to us by the Constitution and our Creator God!!