

To Rep. Wiggam, Chair; Rep. John, Vice Chair; Rep. Kelly, Ranking Member; and members of the State and Local Government Committee:

Please be wary of the false claims by the Convention of the States proponents; states have many powers, but those do **not** include those few enumerated powers the colonies (states) granted in the Constitution (Article V & Article I; Sec.8; Clause 18) to the *federal* government. Also, **why would they submit an application to congress if the states control???**

Fact: An Art. V convention is a *federal* function called by the *federal* gov't to address our *federal* Constitution; it is not a State function. Delegates represent The People, not the States. As such, they are not subject to State law.

The Delegates are the Sovereign Representatives of the People, and have the power granted through the Declaration of Independence to create a new system of government. Our sole precedent for a federal convention called to address our federal constitution is the convention of 1787: our first Constitution, the Articles of Confederation had defects. So on [February 21, 1787](#), the Continental Congress called a convention ***"...for the sole and express purpose of revising the Articles of Confederation..."*** The States gave similar instructions. But the Delegates ignored the instructions & wrote a new Constitution which created a new government.

Danger: A new authoritarian constitution could be installed to replace our beloved US Constitution!

Mark Meckler's "COS" organization has promised legislators for years that nothing can possibly come out of an Article V convention except proposed Amendments to our existing Constitution. But Robert P. George, a Member of the COS Legal Advisory Board, has [co-authored a "conservative" constitution](#) which **grants massive powers to a new federal government and imposes gun control!** The ["Phony Petitions & Polls"](#) flyer describes how Meckler's "Convention of States" organization **showcases unverified data to**

deceive legislators into believing their constituents are demanding a "convention of states." This is an illusion!

Please Vote "No" on HJR 1, and rescind all their outstanding applications asking Congress to call an Article V convention.

Thank you for defending our Constitution!

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