

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

An Article V Convention is dangerous to our Republic for the reasons listed below.

First, The delegates to such a convention would absolutely have the power to throw off our Constitution and set up a new one. James Madison, known as "the Father of the Constitution," warned that those who secretly wish to get rid of our Constitution would push for a convention under the pretext of getting amendments added. There is no such thing as a "limited convention" as some are hoodwinked into believing.

Secondly, the Convention of States (COS, one organization pushing for a convention), has a member of its Legal Advisory Board, Robert P. George, who has co-authored a "conservative" constitution which grants massive powers to a new federal government and imposes massive gun control measures decimating our Second Amendment rights.

Third, our federal government runs rough-shod over its constitutional limits now. What makes anyone think that a few additional amendments would be followed? Besides, currently suggested Balanced Budget Amendments have so many loopholes that they are essentially meaningless.

Please rescind all current applications for an Article V convention, and please do not file any new ones!

Respectfully,
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