

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

Subject: "Article V Convention"

The Article V Convention has been used to manipulate people into believing that the convention provided for by Article V of our Constitution is really just a "convention of states," rather than a "constitutional convention." They misleadingly define the former to be a convention that is controlled from start to finish by State Legislatures; but a controlled convention is a fantasy. In hearings and legislative chambers across the country, the proponents are waging a war on semantics —so that legislators will vote for the application. Please know that the convention Delegates can't be limited by the subject or constraints of the application. There's no such thing as a limited convention. The "Articles of Confederation" were discarded for the present Constitution the last time an Article V Convention was held (the Article V Convention was suppose to fix the "Articles of Confederation" only - not remove it) .

Please remove any support you might have given to this idea. It means after enough states call for an Article V Convention the Federal governments get to call the shots and not the states. Do you want the Democrats in Washington to create the new documents that govern our states?

Sincerely,

Paul Jamerson