

Testimony of Brian Witterstaetter in support of HJR No.2

Chair Hall, Vice Chair Ferguson, Ranking Member Humphrey and members of the committee:

I am a concerned parent from North Bend, OH in house district 29. From an early age, I took an interest in the founding of the United States of America. In the 8th grade, my social studies teacher made us memorize the Constitution of the United States along with the Bill of Rights. Since then, I have watched the federal government slowly move away from constitutional law. An example personally affecting my family concerns the debt being racked up by the federal government. Continuing to overspend and add to the debt year after year puts an undue burden on future generations, which include my children and eventually their children and so on.

An article V Convention of States is the Founders' constitutional solution which allows us to check the power grab of the federal government and return to federalism where most of our governance should be occurring – at the state and local level. It is part of the checks and balances vision of our Founding Fathers. I'm asking the Committee to please support HJR 3 and pass it on to the House for a full vote.

Thank you for your service to Ohio and giving me the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HJR 2.

Regards,

Brian Witterstaetter
North Bend, Ohio