## Testimony to the

GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COLUMBUS, OHIO

Hearing on H. J. R. No. 2

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

I live in Lebanon, OH on a small farm where we engage in row-crops, hay production, horse breeding and training. Early days and late nights, typically 7-days a week is our reality.

I am a former transportation and logistics industry executive, who retired in 2014. I've traveled America in the discharge of my job responsibilities, and therein had many, many opportunities to interface with my fellow Americans sharing thoughts and concerns about the direction of our Nation. Burdening future Americans with unsustainable Debt, that career politicians have foisted upon us, must be addressed and corrected

I signed the Petition in support of organizing a Convention of States, as authorized under Article V of the US Constitution, and have volunteered my time and efforts for the last 10-yrs in the pursuit of invoking an Article V, Convention of States. It is absolutely clear that the over-reach of the Federal Government and its irresponsible financial stewardship and budgeting threatens individual freedoms, and the fiscal future of America. These threats to our Nation are in part advanced by elected officials staying entirely too long in public office, requiring that We, The People support a Constitutional Amendment for Federal Office holders that would limit the number of terms they can serve in any capacity in the Federal Government. The wisdom of our Founding Fathers in providing a tool for The People to combat the over-reach of the Federal Government (Article V of the Constitution) is truly remarkable.

I am asking you and Ohio's other State government officials to support H. J. R. No. 2

In short, our efforts to advance an Article V, Convention of States we hope to achieve:

- Term Limits for all Federal Officials, including members of Congress
- Require ALL powers NOT enumerated in the Constitution as Federal Powers, be returned to the States

• Require **Fiscal Responsibility** by the Federal Government, through a **Balanced Budget Amendment** 

For these reasons I ask you to vote in favor of HJR2.

Thank you and your fellow members for your service to Ohio and for providing me the opportunity for testimony on this vital topic.