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Chairman Hall, Vice Chair Ferguson, Ranking Member Humphrey and members of the committee, my name is Susan Dunn. I live in West Chester, Ohio, House District 45.

I present “Five clues that *those who are opposed to HJR2* are on the wrong side of history.”

Clue #1: Their position on HJR2 suggests they are of like mind with George Soros. Soros is a fan of big progressive government and is proficient when it comes to smearing Article V of the Constitution. Check out the commoncause.org website (www.commoncause.org) and search “Constitution Article V.” You’ll find articles spouting the same arguments about the *dangers for states* to exercise their authority *to rein in* the big government *Soros loves* so much.

Moreover, those repeating claims, like “an Article V convention will runaway”, shouldn’t be surprised when suspected of being in Soros’ camp, because that’s exactly what Soros and his fellow travelers say about Convention of States and HJR2--a definite clue they’re on the wrong side of history.

Clue #2: They think they can trust the feds more than they can trust state legislatures. The feds, including Congress, are responsible for our \$36 trillion debt. Every week there’s a new revelation by the Department of Government Efficiency of how a federal department or agency has wasted billions of tax dollars. *Can* Congress be trusted with fiscal responsibility?

The majority of *state* governments, including Ohio, although far from perfect, have constitutional amendments or statutes that *require* a balanced budget which is a big step in being more fiscally responsible.

Those trusting the US Congress to propose amendments to the Constitution *more* than trusting state legislatures, are likely on the wrong side of history.

Clue #3: Our opponents complain the federal government fails to *follow* the Constitution, yet claim we should *not* follow Article V of the Constitution. It's hypocritical that passionate opponents of HJR-2 claim great love for our divinely inspired Constitution. Yet, when Article V is presented as a way for states to *rein in* the federal government, they oppose following *that* part of the Constitution. Their hypocrisy is a clue they're on the wrong side of history.

Clue #4: They revere the framers of our Constitution, but think they wrote it dishonorably. An oft-repeated myth by our opponents is the idea that our Constitution's framers were not authorized to write it in the first place. They claim George Washington, the man with impeccable integrity, and dozens of other trusted stalwarts of the Revolution went rogue and drafted the Constitution against the wishes of their superiors. Never mind today's constitutional scholars Michael Farris and Robert Natelson have thoroughly debunked these outrageous ideas in *peer reviewed law journal* articles. George Soros and the John Birch Society just keep repeating them, another clue they're on the wrong side of history.

Clue #5: They think they are courageous and patriotic, yet their actions show they believe in fear and the status quo. When George Washington crossed the Delaware with a rag tag shoeless army at night, on Christmas, in a blizzard to fight the Hessian mercenaries in Trenton, he and his men exhibited incredible courage. We honor them because they rose to the occasion, not succumbing to fear.

Our opponents believe we should *fear* using the Constitution to save the Constitution. Again, this puts them on the wrong side of history.

Following the Constitution, including Article V, is not something to fear. Rather, it's a privilege and honor to have and exercise that constitutional authority. **You** have that authority and through HJR2 *you* can exercise it!

Please place yourselves on the right side of history! Exercise courage *and* your authority to rein in our *runaway* federal government and support HJR2. It's what the framers of our Constitution would do if they were in your position today.

Thank you for your attention and for your service to the people of Ohio.