

## HJR 2 Proponent Testimony by Ken Mowell

Chair Hall, Vice Chair Ferguson, Ranking Member Humphrey, and members of the Government Oversight Committee.

My name is Ken Mowell and I live in House District 40 with Representative Rodney Creech. I got involved in the Convention of States after attending a public meeting where COS was presented by Ginnie Morgan and Tara Gasaway. Convention of States ties right in with my interest in the Constitution and what the founders intended our country to be. The need for an Article V Convention of States can be explained in one simple quote: **“We the People”**

With a federal government that has lost its way it's up to “We the People” to reign in a government that has forgotten that they work for and represent the people of the United States of America. It must start at the state level where the representatives and senators are more accountable to the people. It must start in at least three areas.

**Term limits:** The founders intended for citizens to seek public office, do their work and then go back to the private sector. Politicians have decided that it is their life's work to seek reelection. Tell the people what they want to hear, get elected and do nothing until it's time for another election.

**Balanced budget:** Simply, quit spending what you don't have.

**Out of control government:** The Constitution gives the Federal government limited enumerated powers, but it has become bloated with unelected bureaucrats and departments that's not in the Constitution.

It's up to “We the People” to stand and be accounted for at this time in history. Let us work together and preserve this great Republic.

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