

**Proponent Testimony
Kenneth E. Thompson**

Hearing on HJR 2

**OHIO HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES
GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE**

My name is Ken Thompson. I am 73 years old and a lifetime resident of Mason, Ohio. I only recently became aware of the Convention of States. As a US Navy veteran and coming from a family of confirmed patriots, I am energized and hopeful that we have realized a path forward to preserve and uplift this great nation.

I am greatly encouraged by the goals of HJR2, as it strives to bring common sense and responsibility through Article V of the US Constitution. I am extremely thankful for the endorsement of HJR2 by Ohio State Representatives Willis and McClain.

I have sadly witnessed an obvious decline in the responsibilities of our US Congress. This has occurred in many areas but none as obvious as the insanity of the deficit of our federal budget. Obviously, it has recklessly soared at an alarming rate. We are on the doorstep of bankrupting this great nation. Our forefathers and the founders would indeed be appalled.

I find it imperative that we band together in support of HJR2. Time is of the essence. An amendment to balance the federal budget would be the most responsible and patriotic act I have known in a very long time.

A vast amount of this lack of responsibility in Congress stems from leaders who appear complacent, having declining mental ability, or are serving for their personal benefit. A resolution to include term limits would greatly enhance responsibility and is pure common sense. This measure has been mildly considered for some time and as true patriots we must all be encouraged by HJR2. The time is now and the actions of Convention of States must be timely, sincere and profound.

Again, we are greatly blessed by the support of our community and our diligent state representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth E. Thompson