

Testimony of Michael F. Dunn in support of HJR 2.

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

I am a retired small business owner from West Chester, HD-45. I believe we can all agree our Federal Government has grown to be too large and is a bloated bureaucracy. It needs to be limited in its power, scope and jurisdiction. I strongly urge you to consider voting to pass HJR 2. It will initiate a Convention of States in order to allow for term limits, fiscal responsibility, and eliminating government overreach. It will begin limiting the power, scope and jurisdiction of the federal government.

There are organizations spreading fear of a Convention of States and it is needless. There should be no fear involved. I urge you to consider your oath of office, whereby you swore to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Ohio. Please remember the basis for our proposal of a Convention of States *is called for already* in Article 5 of the U.S. Constitution. We should not be debating the idea of states' rights to use a convention of the states. The idea and use of a convention of states has already been affirmed by our forefathers in Article 5 for over 237 years. There is no need for fear.

The people of our state deserve a voice closer to our homes. You are that voice. Please vote yes on HJR 2. Thank you for your service to our state and for providing this opportunity to submit testimony. In the spirit of 1776, "We Are Not Descendants of Fearful Men".

Sincerely,

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