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**Re: Proponent testimony on H. J. R. No. 2 by Steve Knotts**

Chairman Peterson, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking Member Humphrey, and members of the House Government Oversight Committee. As a concerned citizen of Ohio, I am writing to voice my support of HJR-2.

Things have spiraled out of control for the past 100 years, or longer. The Federal Government has burgeoned beyond belief. Congress has abdicated their responsibility and have created a self-perpetuating bureaucracy that would have been totally unrecognizable to our founding fathers. Fortunately, in the prescience and foreknowledge to predict this very thing and in their wisdom created Article V of our great Constitution.

We, the people, must rein in the Federal government and restore and return the power to the States. We are on the verge of bankruptcy (if not there already) and it cannot stand! At a minimum we must call for an Article V Convention of the States to: 1.) limit Federal jurisdiction; 2.) impose fiscal restraints and require a balanced budget; and; 3.) impose term limits.

For these reasons I ask you to vote in favor of HJR-2.

Thank you for your service to me and the citizens of Ohio and most importantly, to the continued freedom of our nation.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven A. Knotts