

Proponent Testimony in Support of HJR3
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Honorable Chair Hall, Vice Chair Ferguson, Ranking Member Humphrey and Members of the Committee:

Good afternoon, I am Teresa Ford from Chillicothe, Ohio. I have been a volunteer for Convention of States for about 2 years. Thank you for allowing me to present to you today, my testimony in favor of House Joint Resolution 2.

I stand before you today to urge a vote and passage of HJR2 which focuses on supporting a balanced budget, establishing term limits for Federal Legislators and for limiting the overreaching power and jurisdiction of our federal government. All three of these issues are important as poor decisions by career politicians and greed create instability in our economy, business growth and productive future for our local communities, states and nation. Luckily, our Founding Fathers made a path for us to rein in the government through Article V of the Constitution.

On January 20, 2021, an Executive Order was issued revoking the permit on the Keystone Pipeline, resulting in thousands losing their jobs. My 68-year-old brother was one of those whose job was affected. He now travels to Brazil to do the same job he was doing in Oklahoma. He has faced hardships such as traveling during the pandemic, added expenses, burden of being far away from his wife and family, armed banditos who wanted what he has and violence to name a few. We are now seeing high fuel prices normal citizens can't afford, a government wanting to push electric vehicles that are expensive and not reliable in cold temperatures plus a reliance on foreign countries such as China and the Middle East for oil. This is unacceptable.

My father, who is 94 years old, served in Korea aboard the USS Kishwaukee an AOG9 tanker. He survived war, he survived the Oklahoma City bombing, he survived 3 heart attacks and cancer. He worries too frequently about not getting his Social Security payments due to government shutdowns. This too, is unacceptable.

Please help us take back control of our country. What is happening currently is unacceptable. I sincerely hope you will consider and pass HJR2.

Thank you for your attention and God Bless America.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa M. Ford