TESTIMONY OF MICHAEL BORDNER

Ohio House Government Oversight and Reform Committee

OPPOSITION to HJR2- March 2026

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee:

I'm writing to urge you to oppose All calls for an Article V convention.

Such a convention is fraught with danger. Contrary to the narrative of those championing an Article V convention or, (Convention of States), once convened the convention can alter the U.S. Constitution without consent of the legislatures as history of the 1787 Convention shows. Compare The Articles of Confederation to our current Constitution for proof, especially Article 13 compared to Article V, (that lowered the threshold for ratification from 100% to 75%). Nothing prevents a new amendment, (or new Constitution), from reducing the ratification to a simple majority of popular votes.

Finally, ask yourself what part of the current Constitution is causing the problems that amendments would solve? Is the Constitution the problem or is the disregard of it by the federal government the problem.

To be sure, once a convention is started, the states lose control of the outcome.

Since Congress calls the convention it would be no surprise that Congress would; pay for, appoint the delegates, set the times and place, pick the caterer, and generally delve into the minutia of the convention. As a public official, you have probably witnessed the the effect of various lobby groups, can you imagine the outside money and influence that would be unleashed on the delegates of a convention?

If reigning in the federal government is the goal, strongly consider Article VI, (nullification).

Please vote NO on HJR2.

Thank You for your consideration.

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