Re: **Testimony in Opposition to HJR 2,** Applies to Congress for a Convention of the States

To: Honorable Rep. Thomas Hall, Chair; Rep. Ron Ferguson, Vice Chair; Rep. Latyna Humphrey, Ranking Member; and Members of the House Government Oversight Committee

We are not a democracy that follows what's trendy, or in this case, what is misleading and exaggerated as being popular.

In our wonderful Constitutional Republic, we trust our elected agents to be well-informed and make the best decisions for us that are within our rules. States have the Constitutional authority to apply to Congress for Congress to call a convention. That does not mean that now is the time to do it; e.g. going to war with Canada tomorrow. Or that it's good to do because the Constitution allows for it; e.g. the national debt. In fact, the Framers never said to use the convention route for a people problem because changing words on a piece of paper cannot change the hearts and minds of those who do not care about rules.

The Convention of States is a corporate lobbying organization that exists to bring an Art V convention to fruition. If one is not doing their own research and using resources other than COS, you are not going to get all the information.

- You likely would not know that several former legislator supporters have recently withdrawn their endorsements for a Convention of States. And that some have spoken about petition fraud.

- You probably would never hear **Constitutional scholar, Dr. Edwin Vieira Jr., who holds four degrees from Harvard, talking candidly about the nightmare of COS's application** and what a dangerous "boondoggle heyday for lawyers"

this is.

- Or know the history of Rex Tugwell and the time and money globalist put into creating a new Constitution.

- There's been other drafting projects for new Constitutions, this so-called conservative Constitution, that guts our Second Amendment, was made by Robert George, one of COS's legal advisory board members. (I would hyperlink that citation but COS has removed their legal advisory board from view. You'd have to download it.)

People who have spent that kind of time and money on new (vile) Constitutions for America, will not be sitting on the sidelines if this juggernaut is triggered.

Please vote "no" on SJR 3, and all other Art V convention legislations that come before you, unless it is Art V recession.

Thank you,
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