RE: H. J. R. 2 and H.B.67

Chairman Hall, Vice Chair Ferguson, Ranking Member Humphrey and esteemed members of the Ohio House Government Oversight Committee.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in writing today. My name is Victoria Konig. I am a citizen and a taxpayer. I am strongly opposed to any bill (HB 67 and HJR2) that brings us closer to an Article V Convention.

This bill would allow delegates not elected by us, the electorate, to perform functions and duties that will have a direct impact on our welfare, without our ability to have a voice in that governance. These delegates would be unaccountable to the citizen voter.

The concept of an Article V Convention, or Convention of the States (COS) is dangerous and must be avoided. Such a convention would open a pandora's box throwing the U.S. Constitution into uncharted and dangerous territory. Support of such a convention is reckless and extreme.

State laws can be written as though they would require a limited convention, but scholars agree that once a COS is called, laws enacted by the states are meaningless. Even the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia warned of the dangers of a constitutional convention; "I certainly would not want a constitutional convention. Whoa! Who knows what would come out of it?"

Because state laws are useless within a COS, the danger exists that a strong group of lobbyists, who are known to currently write bills for congress, could completely take over and shred everything right down to the Constitution itself. As ALEC's COS campaign leader notes, once a COS it called by the U.S. Congress, the president can't stop it, Congress can't stop it and SCOTUS can't stop it.

I am Oppose to H. J. R. 2 and H.B.67. An Article V Convention would be bad for Ohio and bad for the country.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote down any bill that would bring us closer to an Article V Convention.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

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