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Written Testimony – HJR2

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

My name is Catherine Manzo, and I am writing to urge you to vote no on HJR 2.

I am opposing this resolution because a Convention of States carries significant risk of unintended consequences. The U.S. Constitution provides no specific guidelines for governing such an assembly, creating a dangerous legal vacuum. Furthermore, by the time enough states apply to Congress for a convention, the original goals of the initiating states may no longer align with the current political climate.

For example, while proponents may intend for current leadership to appoint delegates today, a shift in the political power dynamic by the time the convention is actually ratified could result in the appointment of delegates with opposing agendas. Using these tools now could inadvertently empower future majorities to make constitutional changes that current proponents would find unacceptable.

Thank you for your time and for your service to the state of Ohio.

Sincerely,

Catherine Manzo