Written testimony in Opposition to H.J.R. 2
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I strongly urge you to vote AGAINST H.J.R. 2

An Article V Convention, also referred to a Convention of States (COS), is dangerous because there are no rules defined for it. A COS should be avoided at all costs until the U.S. Constitution can be amended to add rules to this method of amending our constitution, just as has been done 27 times in the past.

State laws can be written to limit the scope of the COS but, once the convention starts, laws enacted by the states have no force; the Convention is an entity unto itself. There is a very real chance of Ohioans losing civil rights, including voting rights. Because there are no rules, there is the danger of a strong group taking over the convention; This group can even go so far as lowering the bar for ratification and REWRITING the whole constitution. This is the aim of groups like the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC).

Our history shows us that this can happen because it is exactly what the Framers did. That worked out well because the Framers had the best interest of our country at heart but, today, we have ultra-wealthy citizens that care for their own wealth above the general good of the majority. In the words of Mark Meckler, the lead for the ALEC effort for a COS, the aim is to “rollback 115 years of progressivism”. Knowing that, it is clear that a COS would most assuredly lead to the disenfranchisement of the rights of the majority of Americans.

I urge you to vote AGAINST H.J.R. 2
Thank you for your time.

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