# Testimony of Randy Kleine

## House Government Oversight Committee
## In Opposition to HJR2
## March 10, 2026

To Chairman Thomas Hall and the House Government Oversight Committee:

All elected officials (i.e. politicians seeking a favorable review by the electorate) face the following constant temptations:

- the urge to do "something" for their "constituents" (often "special interests" are numbered as "constituents")
- the urge to employ the seemingly inexhaustible resources and power of government to do that "something"

Succumbing to these temptations has put our Republic at risk as politicians of both parties find creative ways to do an "end run" around the safeguards to our Liberty the Founders provided through a clearly written Constitution. All one needs to do is to review the twice annual report, The Freedom Index, published by The John Birch Society (https://thefreedomindex.org ) for comprehensive evidence of these infractions BY BOTH PARTIES.

Despite the political rancor and division that has, understandably, rocked our Country since the days of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, our Republic has held up fairly well with major adjustments to that Constitution being enacted, via Amendment, only 27 times. Because government under a written Constitution proceeds SLOWLY, do-gooding politicians have been unable to run amok!

Here comes State Representatives Riordan T. McClain and Bernard Willis (supported by my own Clermont County State Representatives Jean Schmidt and Adam Bird) with a solution to solve some of the Federal Government's sins: a call in H. J. R. No. 2 for an application to that Congress for Convention of States to provide for:

- a Balanced Budget Amendment and
- Term Limits for U.S. Congressmen, both Members of the House and of the Senate

McClain and Willis (and Schmidt and Bird) mean well. They imagine that they can confine the discussion by politicians in their so-called "Convention of States" to these two possibly-worthwhile objectives when they have been unable to convince the (hopefully) adult members of Congress to honor the Oaths they took to uphold and defend the Constitution! I think not.

I speak as an elected Republican and a Member of the Clermont County Republican Central Committee-- I ask you to reject H. R. J. No.2. Thank you.

Respectfully,
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