

**TESTIMONY
OF
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**GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
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**LEGISLATIVE HEARING ON S.J.R. 3
APPLY TO CONGRESS: CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR CERTAIN PURPOSE**

Chairman Roegner, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Blackshear, and members of the committee, my name is Mike Mowry and I am from Ashland, Ohio, Senate District 22. The purpose of this written testimony is to provide information to the committee that would help the committee members favor and support resolution SJR 3 and passing it on to the Ohio Senate for a vote.

I have been involved with the Article V movement for nine years. In that time the national debt has more than doubled and during that time have seen the national government become even more abusive of its power and more divisive of its people. Some of the cancer in the national administrative state appears to be finally revealed but I fear that any reform that might be pending would be without permanent structural repair only temporal and fleeting.

Proposition and ratification of amendments to the Constitution can provide the structure needed to make reform more effective and lasting. The reality of a limited national government can be restored and the ruinous debt spiral and imposition of the national government in our daily lives can be ended.

Elements of the study of the Article V topic are scattered but I have over the years found a single resource that brings much of that information to a single source.

The Wisconsin GrandSons of Liberty are a conservative organization in Wisconsin that once opposed utilizing the convention clause of Article V for amending the Constitution for restoring limitations on the national government. This will be a restoration of limitations as prior to a century of progressive Supreme Court decisions the limitations intended by the founding fathers were respected and well understood. In their study of the topic with purpose to oppose an Article V convention, the organization came to realize their fear of the process was unfounded and thereby reversed their sentiment. With this reversal of sentiment to support the Article V the organization decided to publish the results of their study to help inform others that they need not fear the process provided to us by the founding fathers.

This published work became the book "Far from Unworkable", a copy of which I will leave with Senator Roegner's office (also available at amazon.com). This book has an in-depth history of Article V from its conception through recent times including citation where the topic has been occasionally addressed by our court system.

Attached to this testimony is a FAQ excerpted from the content of that book (which in and of itself is an extensive resource) as well as a copy of Professor Rob Natelson's dissertation on this topic, "Amending the Constitution by Convention: A More Complete View of the Founders' Plan". Professor Natelson, who is recognized nationally as an expert in the law at the time of the founding is cited many times in "Far From Unworkable" (as he has been in multiple cases before the US Supreme Court).

It is clear in the history of the Convention of 1787 that on September 15, 1787 George Mason asked that the convention clause of Article V be added to Article V. It is also clear that the purpose this was proposed and passed without dissent was they foresaw a time when the national government would become incapable of reforming itself. I suggest that that time has arrived and our state governments should use the tools provided by them to restore our republican form of government.

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