

**Written Testimony of Joanna Martin, J.D.
In Opposition to SJR 3 and SB 112
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1. **James Madison warned that those who secretly wish for a new Constitution would push for an Article V Convention under the pretext of getting amendments:** See endnote 3 of [George Mason never said it!](#)

Madison also reminded us that the Declaration of Independence recognizes the right of The People to throw off one government and set up a new one - and he cited this as the [Authority of the Delegates](#) to the Federal "Amendments Convention" of 1787 ignoring their instructions to do nothing more than propose Amendments to the Articles of Confederation and writing a new Constitution which had a new and easier mode of ratification.

Four [US Supreme Court Justices](#) and other legal scholars warn against a Convention.

[COS Board Member Robert P. George has already co-authored a new Constitution](#) - it grants massive new powers to a new federal government including express constitutional authority for gun controls and red flag confiscations.

2. What the Convention Lobby tells State Legislators about an Article V Convention is blatantly false.

One of their most preposterous false assurances is that State Legislatures will select and control the Delegates to an Article V Convention. But State Legislatures have nothing to do with Delegate selection & control! Here's the proof (on one page): [State Legislatures have no power to select & control Delegates to an Article V Convention](#). The delegate selection & control provisions in SB 112 are an insult to your intelligence!

Another preposterous false assurance is that Congress can't call a Convention until they get 34 Applications asking for the same Amendment; and that Delegates can't do anything but consider Amendments requested by 34 State Legislatures. And while they are telling *you* that; *they are asking Congress to count all Applications together*, regardless of the Amendment requested in the Application. Here's the proof (again on one page): [The US Constitution and Proposed Federal Legislation PROVE State Legislatures cannot dictate Amendments to be considered at an Art. V Convention!](#)

Still another of their preposterous false assurances is that nothing which comes out of a Convention can take effect unless 3/4 of the States agree to it. While no *Amendment* can take effect unless 3/4 of the States agree; **the Convention has the self-evident Right to throw off the Constitution we have and propose a new one which would have its own mode of ratification.** E.g., the proposed [Constitution for the Newstates of America](#) provides at Art. XII thereof that it is ratified by a Referendum called by the President. The States don't vote on it! They are dissolved and replaced by regional governments answerable to the new national government.

The only power State Legislatures have respecting an Article V Convention is to apply to Congress for *Congress* to call it.

So defeat SJR 3 and all other Applications for a Convention; defeat the absurd SB 112; and rescind [the Applications for a Convention Ohio already sent to Congress](#).

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