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Opponent Testimony on SJR 3  
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Chairwoman Roegner, Members of the Committee:

My name is Dr. Alan Keyes. I am the President of American Republic Policy, a former U.S. Ambassador, and I have spent my life in service to the principles of liberty, constitutional government, and the sovereignty of the American people.

I come before you today to urge your strong opposition to SJR 3, a resolution calling for an Article V Convention of States.

The U.S. Constitution is not the problem. The problem is our failure to obey it.

Proponents of SJR 3 will argue that a Convention of States is a tool for restoring constitutional order—but I submit to you that it is more likely to invite constitutional chaos. There is no guarantee that such a convention could be restrained or limited to any specific topics. The precedent of the 1787 convention—which was convened to amend the Articles of Confederation but instead produced an entirely new Constitution—should serve as a powerful warning

Even former Justice Antonin Scalia, a man committed to originalist constitutional interpretation, warned against the risk of a constitutional convention. “I certainly would not want a constitutional convention. Whoa! Who knows what would come out of it?” he once said.

Today, we do not live in an era of common understanding or shared foundational values. We are deeply divided as a nation. Opening the Constitution to revision in such a time is like handing a

scalpel to a madman and asking him to perform heart surgery. The results could be disastrous—and irreversible.

Some claim that we must amend the Constitution to restrain federal power. But we already have the tools to restrain it: the Tenth Amendment, nullification, and the checks and balances enshrined in our system. What we lack is the will, not the mechanism.

Let us not forget: every federal abuse of power cited by Convention of States advocates has happened in violation of the Constitution, not because of it. The courts, Congress, and the Executive Branch routinely trample the limits imposed by our Founders. The answer is to restore the rule of law, not rewrite the supreme law of the land.

If we truly want to rein in Washington, the solution is state resistance, legislative courage, and civic awakening—not a convention that opens the floodgates to the enemies of liberty who would love nothing more than to rewrite our Constitution under the guise of reform.

I strongly urge this committee to reject SJR 3 and to stand firm in defense of the Constitution as it is. The risks of a convention far outweigh the potential rewards.

Thank you for your time and commitment to preserving our Republic.

Sincerely,

Dr. Alan Keyes

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