

Testimony of Steve Jones in support of SJR4

Chairman Peterson, Vice Chairman Cirino, Ranking member Craig and committee members;

I have served as a board member of my county Tea Party, as a board member of my county GOP, as a leader in my church. Currently I run a small plumbing company while serving as the Principal of the Jones Academy of Arts and Science homeschooling family. I also serve as the Convention of States region 6 Regional Captain and co-Grassroots Coordinator.

Having been involved with the Convention of States movement for the last eight years, there are so many things I would love to share, but space would never permit. I could share a historical perspective of so many things related to our Article V Convention of States and our desire to restore proper state, local and self-governance boundaries; but I will not do so just at this time.

As a leader within our movement, I would like to tell you about the heart of our 100,000 petition signers. Some of the supporters who give testimony today are **retired** Ohio citizens who have dedicated the remainder of their earthly existence to building a huge grassroots army of dedicated patriot volunteers who will, 1) convince Ohio senators to pass SJR4, 2) teach the following generation to constitutionally restore the framers vision of proper state, local and self-governance boundaries, and 3) ask Ohio legislators to adopt the good and proper amendments which are approved through the Convention of States process, and, finally 5) activate our army of grassroots volunteers to maintain proper 10th amendment principles for 100 or more years.

As long as I have been working with our organization, I have always been amazed by the extreme time and energy commitments of our volunteers. They have been so passionate and dedicated to restoring proper constitutional principles, pursuing term limits for federal officials and balancing the federal budget.

Those of us volunteers who are **not yet retired** are as equally as committed and passionate to pursue our Article V convention of state and proper governance. We too have dedicated the remainder of their earthly existence to building a huge grassroots army and training the following generation to do the same. We are not just seeking to pass SJR4, but are dedicated to working to preserve our republic for the long term.

I just thought that you all should know that. We are dedicated and passionate and we will never relent until God takes us home to be with Him. My confidence that our resolution will be effective in draining the swamp is not only based on my confidence in you all, but more my confidence in the grassroots army we are developing.

For these reasons I ask you to vote in favor of SJR4.