Testimony of Charles Horton in support of HJR 1

Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chairwoman John, Ranking Member Kelly, and Members of the Committee:

I believe that God, our Heavenly Father, has placed us on this earth to grow and progress in a spiritual way. Essential to that growth is that we be given moral agency, the opportunity and freedom to make our own decisions to the maximum extent possible.

We've seen how the Federal Government is more and more attempting to infringe upon our agency through decrees that rob us of our opportunities to make decisions for what is best for us personally and rob us of the freedom to make our own decisions. We are being forced into an existence of dependency and mindless conformity. Examples are the attempt to compel the purchase of health insurance, the mandates to force the wearing of masks and compel vaccinations, and the imposition on schools of what must be taught to our children without regard to the opinions and the input of those most directly concerned, their parents.

Also, God wants us to develop the virtue of charity. By spending trillions on programs devised by politicians in Washington, D.C., new taxes are unavoidable, leaving individuals with little or no means to give to worthy causes they would like to help. Resentment and indifference replace kindness and caring. The feelings of community and fellowship will be lost.

Convention of States is the only answer to redressing these examples of government overreach. Amendments need to be put forth by people at the state level that will limit the power, scope, and jurisdiction of the Federal Government, control and limit spending by the Federal Government, and show by enacting term limits those officials at the federal level that they are not our masters, we are theirs.

Please support HJR1 and pass it on to the house floor for a vote. Thank you for your consideration.

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