Testimony of Dale R Peverly in support of HJR No. 1 House State and Local Committee

Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chairwoman John, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the Committee.

I am a retired professional that spent my entire thirty-five-year career working for Marathon Petroleum Company in the energy field specifically working in the pipeline sector focusing on the integrity and environmental safety of its infrastructure. I am a father, husband, and proudly patriotic American from Findlay, Ohio (House District 83).

I write today to express my concerns about the overreach and out of control spending of our federal government. Today's federal government has truly become tyrannical and wields a bureaucratic hammer that is stifling individuals' inalienable rights and freedoms.

When an administration can shut down a pipeline that would have created thousands of jobs and further strengthened energy independence it has too much power.

When OSHA is leveraged to force vaccine mandates on private employers against a virus that has over a 99.8% survival rate that is an abuse of power.

When an administration arbitrarily decides that it will not enforce the existing laws of our country to secure our southern border that is a dereliction of responsibilities.

When a political party can leverage the DOJ and FBI to craft a false narrative against a duly elected official to undermine a presidency is just criminal.

As you well know this is just four recent examples of the current abuses that we are seeing, and historically these abuses seem to be getting more frequent and bolder. The states are systematically losing the power that our forefathers intended, and the federal government has grown to a massive bureaucracy that our forefathers never intended.

It is truly past time that we as a nation of states implement article V of the constitution as it was intended. This may feel like David taking on Goliath, but we know that David was a skilled warrior, and he took down what seemed like an invincible giant. We <u>must</u> make sure that we preserve our children's and future generations.

I implore you to pass this resolution calling for a Convention of States. We need to move immediately to join the call for amendments that will return the balance of power to the people. We need you to do what DC cannot do. We need you to act to fix this over bloated and unaccountable bureaucracy. Please support HJR 1 Convention of States project.

Thank you for your service to Ohio and for providing me the opportunity for giving my testimony to support it.

Sincerely, Dale Peverly Findlay, OH