

TESTIMONY OF HEIDI WORKMAN IN SUPPORT OF HJR NO. 1

Kent, Ohio, House district 75

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

I am Ohio's Communications Coordinator for the Convention of States and I have chosen to raise my voice to defend America's future. Over nearly two and a half centuries there is something that we have all forgotten and it is this: "God has given America to be free!"

Those are the words that echoed through the halls of the old State House in Philadelphia on the evening of July 4, 1776. It was a momentous occasion when the Founding Fathers gathered to debate severing the last ties between the old world and the new. Many of those great men feared for their lives, knowing full-well the grave risk they took for their audacity to stand against the crown. Their purpose was debated and courage faltered. But as those words peeled through the hall, a wild enthusiasm burst forth and our forefathers remembered their cause was worth dying for. In an incredible leap of faith, name after name laid their lives on the line as they signed the Declaration of Independence so that, from that day forward, the God-given right to live free could be realized.

Now the United States government and its constituents have perverted the law of the land in order to expand their control into the everyday affairs of its citizens. In doing so, they've overstepped Constitutional checks and balances and are openly yielding their power as a platform for dictatorship. They have demonstrated publicly that opposition to their rule will not be tolerated and The People live in fear.

The global pandemic was used as an excuse for the government to seize our very right to pursue happiness. They unlawfully shut down our country and implemented stay-at-home orders. They have used fear to keep us silent and relief pay-offs to keep us docile. They break the back of America's small business owners through increasing regulation and tax burden only to throw billions at the illegals infiltrating our communities who flourish off our blood, sweat, and tears. Federal spending has amassed such colossal debt that our children and future generations will be powerless when collectors come knocking. The ball and chain is being locked in today and the fault will be ours: the generation that tolerated a tyrannical government. I, for one, will not stand by any longer and allow my children's bright future to be annihilated. The time has come to draw the line in stone. We've had enough.

The truth is obvious and somber. A country cannot be free when it is controlled. Its people cannot live free when they have no right to choose. In the blink of an eye, everything America was founded upon was disregarded under the guise of national emergency that has no apparent end. In the meantime, the erosion of our freedom rapidly continues.

But all is not lost! There is hope that can be recalled from the past and used as a platform to stand against big government. We will use it now to rise as a new generation of civilian patriots with the inner conviction of the Founding Fathers in order to defend America's future.

The Convention of States, as written under Article V of the U.S. Constitution, allows us to do just that. In a lawful, united, and powerful way, we will stand up, speak up, and show up to demand our voices be heard. We will not be silenced. We will not be ignored. We demand representation of our will to limit federal power, mandate fiscal responsibility, and impose term limits on federal officials. The People have spoken and your vote is requested to call for a Convention of States. There is no time left.

God gave America to be free and we will defend it with the power of the Almighty!