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Why Should We Have a Convention of the States?

Hello everyone. I am Patti Buxton, a volunteer for Convention of States and I serve as Regional Captain overseeing northwest Ohio. Region One is made up of 15 State House Districts which includes districts 41, 42, 43, 44, 75, 78, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, and 89. There are over 19,000 petition signers and supporters in the Region. It is my job to work with the District Captains to share information about our mission and help our volunteers present the idea of a Convention of States to legislators and constituents, and how an Article V Convention will improve the federal government.

All of us here are aware that there are two ways to amend the Constitution as stated in Article V of the US Constitution. We have 27 amendments. All 27 were created by the House and Senate agreeing on the need for an amendment and then being ratified by 3/4 of the states. Today we are faced with a great need to redefine the Commerce clause, the Welfare clause, and establish term limits and curtail overreach and spending which the federal government seems unwilling to do.

It is plain to see that the people are willing to work to bring about a Convention of the States by reaching out and accumulating 5.5 million petition signers and supporters nationwide. The people who must abide by these laws are eager to see that the laws of our nation are working with and for the people, not against them, and allows the nation to prosper as it was originally designed to do.