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To the Honorable Chair Bob Peterson, Vice Chair Jim Thomas, Ranking Member Latyna Humphrey, and the esteemed members of the Government Oversight Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my **proponent** testimony (written only) for H.J.R. No 3.

During my time as a State Representative (2011-2017), I voted for similar resolutions to add Ohio's name to the list of states who would support a limited Article V Convention of States. This resolution specifies that the topics would be restricted to fiscal restraint of the Federal government, limited power and jurisdiction of the Federal government, and term limits for its officials and Members of Congress.

- In September of 2016, I served, along with Rep Bill Patmon and Rep Christina Hagan, in the first simulated Article V Convention of States held in Williamsburg, Virginia.
- We also represented the State of Ohio in conferences of the *Assembly of State Legislatures* held between 2014-2016 to draft rules for the future Article V convention, e.g., one state, one vote.

You may ask: "***Why should Ohio adopt this resolution?***", and my simple answer is that **the government is run by those who show-up**, even if it is to vote "No" on a proposed amendment.

The first Constitutional Convention in 1787 was missing one of the colonies, Rhode Island, who did not show up and they were also the last one to ratify the Constitution, one year *after* George Washington became president.

***Is Ohio going to be one of those states that is too timid to step up and use the Article V option to reign in the Federal bureaucracy - A Federal government that prints money when it overspends, that governs by executive orders and that imposes burdensome regulations drafted by unelected bureaucrats!***

I pray that Ohio will NOT fail to take its place in history and NOT be one of those "cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat" (Teddy Roosevelt, 1910).

**Please step up and pass this resolution!**

Thank you again for the opportunity to offer my testimony.

With Kind Regards,  
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