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I am Kristine Wolfe a volunteer for Convention of States and a District Captain in HD 60 & 61. I became involved in this grass roots organization because I have seen and experienced the effects of the Federal bureaucrats' actions in Washington by over reaching their power, crushing our citizens with run -a-way spending, abuse of power, and a disregard for our Constitution and laws. The Federal Government's spending is out-of-control and has reached a staggering \$34 trillion in National debt. As a result, our dollar has been devaluated by Washington's massive spending. Americans are struggling financially.

The Federal governments over reach and abuse of power with regulations is crushing our citizens. Excessive taxes, the shutting down of business, schools and the medical policies during the Pandemic has destroyed persons livelihood, harmed our children's education and mental health, and separated families from being with loved ones.

I am concerned that D.C. politicians seem to be moving away from a constitutional system form of government of "We the People" to a more centralized federal government. I believe our country is at a crossroads. Our nation is in disarray. Policies such as open borders, removal of parental rights, excessive environmental regulations, crime in our big cities, a two-tiered justice system, are all serious threats to our democracy.

.Citizens are begging for Men and Women leaders to be bold and fearless, to break away from the "Status Quo" and restore and reclaim citizens' rights of self-governance as written in our great Constitution.

The founders of our Constitution provided 2 methods for amendments 1. Through Congress and another thru the States calling for a Convention of States. According to a 2022 survey conducted by The Trafalgar Group, there is strong citizen support for a Convention of States; 81% of Republicans, 50.2% Democrats, 63% of Independents all support amendments to impose fiscal restraints, limit federal power, and to set term limits.

Currently there have been 19 other states Legislatures who had the wisdom to pass the Convention of States Article V application. What makes Ohio so different than states like Georgia, , Alaska, Florida Alabama, Tennessee, Indiana, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arizona, North Dakota, Texas, Missouri, Arkansas, Utah, Mississippi, Wisconsin, Nebraska, West Virginia, and South Carolina ? Please add Ohio to this list!

I submit to you that NOW is the time for our Ohio State Legislature to unite in calling for passage of HJR3.

Thank you.  
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