

Written Testimony **in SUPPORT** of- House Joint Resolution HJ6 concerning -United States Constitution – Amendments Convention – Limitations on Federal Power

House Rule and Executive Nominations Committee

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Dear Committee Chairwoman and Committee Members,

I am Seth Lipko. I live in District 32, and represent 650 other supporters in my district. I have invested my personal time in the Convention of States movement **because of my children**, and my concern for their future. **I want my kids** to grow up in a **better world** than I was raised in, with **brighter futures and more bountiful opportunities**, and I'm sure all of you do, too. But what I've seen in the area of financial freedom isn't just stagnation, but digression from that goal, as a result of the fiscal irresponsibility of the federal government.

This is not a partisan issue. Regardless of which party has the majority, "we the people" are at the mercy of their expensive ambitions. With each passing administration, their agenda takes priority over economic stability and it's at the expense of the hard-earned incomes of families like mine.

The answer is not increased taxation; we cannot spend ourselves out of debt. The **answer is not more federal assistance programs**; they cost hundreds of millions and result in our greater dependence upon their existence. **How is Social Security** looking right about now? I hope all of you will be able to benefit from my contributions into that broken program, because I sure won't. **So, what is the answer? You.** You helping to have a national convention of states so you can discuss the option of putting fiscal restraints on the Federal government.

Every average American family has to learn how to budget and prioritize needs as a basic survival skill. **Every business must do the same** to stay open and to profit. It's time the **feds start holding the same responsibility as the people** who are funding their irresponsibility. They've had decades to fix this problem, and have continued heading in the wrong direction. **They must be held accountable.**

You, the Delegates of Maryland **hold the power to enforce that accountability**, and as our representatives, I ask you to support a Convention of States to discuss imposing fiscal restraints on the US government. **For the sake of our children**, grandchildren, and at this point, even our great-grandchildren, who are **already in bondage to the accumulating federal debt**, we must put an end to this irresponsibility. Please move HJ6 out of committee, and be part of the solution. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Seth Lipko