

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

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House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee

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Dear Committee Chairwoman and Committee Members,

I am Gayle McCowin and I am a Baltimore City resident within Senator Ferguson's district 46, a one-year volunteer with Convention of States, and a retired Lieutenant Colonel of the US Army. I am here to ask you to vote HJ6, the joint resolution supporting Article V Convention of States(COS), out of committee for a proper floor debate this year.

Service members who take an oath to the Constitution truly understand the meaning of service to something greater than themselves. This virtue seems long lost on the career politicians of Washington, DC, who exhibit little desire to serve their constituents.

The federal government has become much larger than our founding fathers intended. New committees, new commissions, new regulations, new policies, and new agencies, and with each initiative comes the need for funding, while creating new solutions to old problems, when many of the solutions should be solved at the state level.

Marylanders believe this too. Our petition numbers are steadily growing within the State. I have attended many events representing COS and Maryland citizens AND many, many Maryland veterans are talking, and they are determined and ready to exercise Article V for Maryland and for the people of Maryland who are tired of supporting federal politicians who don't support their desires and fail to represent them in any way once they are elected.

If We the People, and that includes you, can't get our federally elected officials to work on our behalf, nor hold them accountable, the check and balance answer for the people is written into the Constitution as Article V.

As a supporter and participant in COS, the State of Maryland would then have the ability to address limitations on out-of-control Federal overreach.

I am asking you to vote favorably for HJ6. Thank you. Respectfully, Gayle McCowin, Lieutenant Colonel, Retired, US Army