

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

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Dear Committee Chair, the Honorable Chairwoman Healey and Committee Members,

My name is Cody White, I am ten years old, and a homeschooled sixth grader from Mechanicsville, MD.

You are probably asking yourselves, “What is a ten year old doing here today? What does he know about governance and passing laws? Well, I am here today to support Bill HJ6.

A couple of weeks ago, I won an essay contest about, “What is Federalism and Why did the Framers and Founders create such a government system for America?”

The Founding Fathers built America to have freedom from the excessive power of the monarchy of England. The Founders and Framers made sure that a government system would work to protect the people's rights and freedom. The Constitution was written and Federalism was born in America.

Federalism is the separation of power between the States and the Federal government, with the Constitution as the supreme law of the land. This way, the States and Federal governments will not have too much power over the other.

This country is a democratic republic. A hybrid system between democratic and republic government systems. The Founders and Framers wanted the best out of these two systems, with the purpose of protecting the rights of people as the number one priority. **Why? Because without people, there is no government.**

The Framers made sure that factions would not be created, because they could have too much power and control of the government. The Framers knew that when people get too powerful, they may become greedy. As a result, they stay in power for too long. They become detached from the needs of people.

Today, we children, mostly hear and read news about, Biden vs Trump, Democrats vs Republicans, war, inflation, corruption! It's all about pointing fingers!

We, children, do not want self-serving politicians! We do not want war! We want good education and great leaders to teach us. You are our leaders, you are our examples!

I humbly ask you, Delegates, please support HJ6. Please, do not forget what our Founding Fathers and Framers set out to do. Do not let one government go unchecked!

Protect us, your children, your future! Thank you!

Sincerely,

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