



## CONVENTION *of* STATES ACTION MARYLAND

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Rules and Executive Nomination Committee, Maryland House of Delegates

Dear Madam Chairwoman,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak here today. My name is Ginger Barnes and I am a retired career paramedic and a lifelong resident of District 29, St. Mary's County. My family dates back to the founding families who first landed in St. Mary's City. Because of this heritage, I have strong concerns that affect this state and our communities.

As the Federal government continues with its overreach of federal spending and into our civil liberties and our general welfare, it is clear to me there is now constant threats to our God-given freedoms. Washington continues to display its inability to manage a budget while overspending to the point of mortgaging our children's and grandchildren's future. They are trampling our First and Second Amendment rights by censoring our speech and social media platforms, proposing draconian gun reform laws, and continuing to try and effectively cancel our history.

It is my opinion that the only way that we will be able to take back control from the career politicians in Washington DC is through Constitutional amendments. We can do that together with your help. Whether its demanding term limits or imposing fiscal restraints and stopping the growth of the Federal government, as state legislators, you are our only hope.

The states need to take back control now! We the people of this Country deserve better, demand better and expect better from our elected officials. We cannot continue to kick the can down the road and hope for better days. Article V of the US Constitution guarantees states an equal voice in a convention of all the states. You can accomplish this by voting for this resolution. Term limits will do much to help stem the tide running against us. Career politicians have for too long stopped listening to their constituents. Our voices are ignored, and the radical special interest groups are influencing changes to our everyday life aided by career politicians.

I want better for my family. I want my freedoms preserved. I want my children's futures to remain a part of a free and fair Republic. I ask you today, no I plead with you today, that you support HJ0006 and move this legislation forward for consideration by the full House. We need to have our voices heard so that our government "of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from this earth."

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Ginger Barnes