Testimony in favor of SJ0001 by Daniela Dorazio.

My name is Daniela Dorazio. I grew up in Romania under communist rule and I am a survivor of child abuse. At age 14 I asked a Romanian orphanage to take me in, hoping that a good American parent would adopt me. My plea was rejected because I had a mother. However, my "mother" locked me inside our apartment and constantly tortured me with beatings and electrocution as a punishment for socializing and making friends.

Fast forward 35 years and Federal, State, and Local governments/institutions took our freedom away by locking all of us up during Covid. To socialize we had to wear a mask and get a shot.

During Covid years, the governments became my mother on steroids and my child's health and even life and freedom is in serious danger.

I asked my mother why she abused me. She said that she raised me the same as she was raised and did nothing wrong. Child abuse is a cycle that is very difficult to break, but I am proud that I was able to with my child!

I think that we are slowly being programmed like my mother was over time to accept authoritarian rule. It is harder to see when it comes little by little. I lived this life and know what is ahead. I see these things that happened in Romanian government also now happening here.

Returning power to the states by the use of Article 5 will help give people a voice from their states again. Returning power to the states will allow citizens to live in an area that reflects their ideals and not only the federal government's ideals.

Please break this cycle and hear us in Maryland. Please forward this to the debate stage.

Thank you,

Daniela D'Orazio