

Testimony in Favor of SJ0001, Convention of States by Chengbo Sun.

Ladies and Gentleman,

It is my privilege to speak in front of you. My name is Chengbo Sun. I am from China.

When I first came, I was like a bird out of the cage. This land is like an image of Heaven to me. But because of where I came from, I recognized that communism is coming here.

Three years ago, the almost-forgotten feeling of suffocating struck me hard, when we were instructed what we can say and how we think. I was told Freedom of speech was protected here, but now, so much censorship. So many decisions are made by Washington DC, instead of our state.

I am hyper alert of freedoms suddenly disappearing. My friends who grew up in the US have not realized it IS a big deal. They ask, what does it have to do with me? I have many examples of things happening right here that frighten me, and perhaps should frighten you as well.

Sharing information freely used to be the greatest freedom. Now many things are fact checked. A "Fact check department"? That sounds like the Soviet Union Ministry of Truth! Then whose truth is THAT truth? Who is in charge?

I love this country. When I look around at the world, I see that our country is the last land of peace and freedom. She is worthy to fight for. She is the Light to the people who have lost their freedoms. This will go away if our government is not reigned in.

If you pass this resolution, you will have a hand in taking back the power the federal government has taken away from Maryland – a convention to talk about this can do so much good.

A great government welcomes the ideas of its people. Therefore, I urge you to pass this resolution to the floor for debate. Thank you.