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Members of the committee, our constitutional republic is in jeopardy. For one, we are letting our federal government take away our freedoms.

Censorship, my utmost concern, especially under the guise of “for the better good” is how totalitarianism begins. Our federal government and media together, unlawfully, are smothering any opposing views, thwarting any debate. China, Eastern Europe, Cuba and now Brazil...history has given us warning signals and this one is blaring at us.

Our system of controls are being eaten away and disregarded. If we continue on this path I believe that ultimately, the role of the States will be so diminished as to become obsolete. It would be naive to think that this country could preserve it's freedoms and inalienable rights if we do not take action.

And, it is not just censorship that is of major importance. We are at a crucial time in which using Article V would be the best means to peacefully and fairly keep the balance of powers in check.

This specific resolution holds 3 areas that may be debated for possible amendments. Please note that any debate or discussion falling outside any of these 3 areas cannot take place.

1. Term Limits, including bureaucrats
2. Fiscal Responsibility
3. Federal Jurisdiction

Even though each state gets only one vote, it can send as many delegates as it wants to cover any range of expertise that is lacking or desired to assist in the debate.

For ease, I've outlined below some of my concerns under these different areas.

1. Term Limits:
  - Giving control over our lives to unelected bureaucrats is imprudent.
  - Our Federal Government was never meant to be run by life-long career politicians where money and power can lead away from putting the interest of it's citizens first.

## 2. Fiscal Responsibility:

- Our national debt is over \$31 trillion dollars which is bigger than our GDP.
- Over the last 27 months our debt has increased 7 trillion (approximately same amount accrued from George Washington to Bush).
- Interest has hit more than \$400 billion this year. Continuing on this path, interest will be the major portion of our national budget. How is the next generation suppose to cope?
- Over a trillion of our debt is owned by China, a communist country that wants to be the world leader.
- Mandatory audits should be made on such funds as have been given to Ukraine or the like.

## 3. Federal Jurisdiction:

- Maryland, and with each State being different, should wield their power of having State Legislators interacting with their constituents to work together for what's best for their State.

You, right now, have the opportunity to use our constitution to protect our constitution. Holding a Convention of States is a constitutional right, not some concocted notion. Any fear or hesitation should be outweighed by the degree of what we have to lose. I fear that it will only be after it's too late that what could have been prevented takes place.

Please vote in favor of this resolution so it can pass to the floor for debate.  
Thank you.