

Dear Committee Members:

Although I agree with Delegate Mark Fisher's reasons for why a Convention of States (CoS) would be helpful to correct some of today's problems with a broken D.C. and curb the Federal government's power (such as single-subject bills only), I have major reservations with a CoS as well, for reasons stated in this article/video (<https://theamericanview.com/blogs/news/convention-of-states-the-goodbad-and-ugly>). I have posted key points from it:

- Congress seems to think that the requirement to “call a convention for proposing amendments” gives it the power to do much more.
- Even though the Constitution gives no such role to it, Congress seems to believe they should be deeply involved in the convention process.
- Washington, D.C. routinely ignores the Constitution as written. What makes people think that they won't simply ignore any new amendments?
- All three branches of the government in Washington, D.C. routinely violate most, if not all, of the amendments to the Constitution.
- Most of the problems we find in Washington, D.C. is not a fault in the Constitution, but in our unwillingness to enforce it.
- Many of the amendments that the Convention of States Action calls for are already covered by the existing Constitution.
- Before we ...change the Constitution, maybe we should try enforcing it first.

I think that this bill has merits to be debated in the Assembly but all the concerns above need to be seriously considered because we don't want to end up with a bigger problem than the one we started with. Given the current movement of certain entities to turn America into a socialist country, and the level of infiltration we are seeing, I believe a safer course of action at this time is to simply abide by the Constitution and start holding those who don't follow it to account. There are groups out there right now who want nothing more than to completely and utterly destroy the Constitution. For this reason, I cannot support this bill *at this time*.

Sincerely,

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