

## **Testimony in favor of House Joint Resolution HJ0002 William Zwart.**

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Will Zwart. I'm speaking in favor of this resolution not only for myself, but for the one thousand, four hundred petition signers I represent as a district captain.

I have to say, it's really great to be here again! I never thought that I'd get the chance to testify for anything, let alone for something as wide-spread as COS. I mean, this exact same resolution has been debated by every state in the country...except Connecticut. I guess they missed the memo, but everywhere else, thousands of citizens and legislators have testified for this resolution just as I am now, and as someone of my generation, that's a pretty rare opportunity.

Before I discovered Convention of States, I felt like a lot of young people do, where Washington D.C. just seemed very...indifferent.

I think most Americans feel that way, but with younger people, it's especially strong because when Congress debates a bill, to them, it's just a bill. "Yay" or "Nay," but to us, that's our future. *We'll* have to try and pay for that thirty-trillion-dollar debt. I want to start a family someday, but I'll have to do so under hyper-inflation and a crippled economy. Those kinds of decisions should be made by the people they effect, and my generation just feels like we have no voice, no control over our own future; which seems pretty bleak, at that.

That's why so many young people feel discouraged and hopeless, but that's also why this resolution is so great, because it shows my generation that we can actually be involved in the system and make an impact. Fiscal restraints allow us to build our wealth and lives, term limits open up seats for us to actually be in the system, and overreach limits prevent the federal government from just voting away our futures. Every American should have control of their life, and in the same way that the Emancipation

Proclamation gave thousands of slaves control of their lives, a Convention of States will give millions of Americans that same control today.

This resolution will save my future, it *is* my future. Please support it, and bring it through this committee to the floor for debate.

Thank you.