

## COS Testimony in Favor of HJ0002 – Bob Bagheri, District 16 Rockville/North Bethesda Maryland

Hello, my name is Bob Bagheri. I live in Montgomery county, and I'm a Convention of States District Captain representing nearly 700 of your constituents. I came to the United States in 1979 from Iran and moved to Maryland in 1981. I went to school, started a family, and now have three adult children who are about to start their independent lives.

Over time, my priorities in life changed and I began paying closer attention to politics. Confused by both political parties, I couldn't donate my hard-earned money or time to politics. It was about 10 years ago when I heard about Article V of the constitution and the Convention of States. I knew that as politicians continued to frustrate more citizens like myself, eventually C.O.S would gain momentum.

You may think I'm here today to add to the list of complaints by your constituents however, it is the opposite. My goal is to educate as many Americans, regardless of their political views, about Article V and the constitution. I am here to ask you to join us and learn about Article V and realize its potential to help you bring power back from the federal government to the state government.

There are so many things that I could list as my "wish list" for fixing our federal government. However, I believe one change will have a huge impact on every branch of government, and in a short period, it will put our country back on the right track. This is one of the items addressed in the resolution and one that more than 80% of Americans agree on. **That one change is "term limits". Term limits will prohibit politics from becoming a career and return to being a civic duty.**

In conclusion, I simply ask you to please do not mistake our grassroots movement as a political movement. We are laser focused on one task and one task only, and that is to bring the power of the government back to the people as it was originally intended.

Thank you for your time, please vote in favor of HJ0002.