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Although I agree with the reasons stated in the seven “Whereas” clauses and believe the people should wrest back control from the Federal government, I am leery that asking for a Convention of States (CoS) may create more problems than it might solve.

Others I know and trust believe that the following video best describes the possible risks of requesting a CoS, which could put us in a position of regretting what we ask for, as we may get it.

See (<https://theamericanview.com/blogs/news/convention-of-states-the-good-bad-and-ugly>).

I have paraphrased some key points from it:

- Some in Congress may see the CoS as an opportunity to do more than what the States propose and would seek to add other changes that could weaken the first and second amendments.
- Even if the changes the States propose would be accepted by Congress and approved by three-fourths of the States to be new amendments, what assurance would we have that these new amendments would be ignored or given lip service like the current Constitution?
- The current Constitution is not at fault, but the problem is our unwillingness to elect those who will follow their oaths to enforce it.
- Before we change the Constitution, perhaps we should do a better job of voting out those who will not follow it.

I agree with the following summary by a colleague, who stated,

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.

I believe the risks for holding a CoS outweigh the possible benefits, thus, I cannot support this bill at this time.

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