

Testimony in Favor of HJ0002 Convention of States – Seth Lipko

My name is Seth Lipko. I live in District 32 and represent just over 4,000 supporters across Anne Arundel County. I'm testifying in support of this application for a Convention of States to propose new constitutional amendments.

The reason for my support is simple, I want my children to be able to look back at my life and be able to say with confidence that I did all I could to ensure they inherited a better world than I did. And shouldn't that be what we are all striving for? I'd wager that is the reason all of you are in public office today.

It is the duty of each one of us, regardless of if we personally have children or not, to progress our society in a positive, forward direction. I thank you for serving your communities and attempting to bring about positive change in our future.

But our federal government is failing to do this. They are enslaving my children to debt from their frivolous spending. They are ignoring their constitutional responsibilities and taking on responsibilities that should be left to you, our state government. It might be a different story if they performed those duties well, but almost everywhere the federal government interjects itself, it just spreads itself thinner, is less effective, and leaves my daughters the bill. And they have done this without the approval of us, the American people.

Honestly, you are our only hope to stop this trend. I am not being represented in DC. But I hope that I am represented here. That's why I ask that this committee take this resolution to the floor for a vote and support its full passage.

You can end lifelong residencies in Congress, allowing new public servants to enter, with new ideas to solve our nation's problems. You can put a stop to the overreach of power, restoring balance to our federalist system. You can put a stop to the overspending, bringing responsibility back to our country.

Please pass this joint resolution to the floor for debate. Thank you.