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Written Testimony in SUPPORT of- Senate Bill – SB1073 - Amendments Convention  
Called Under Article V of the U.S. Constitution - Delegation to the Convention -  
To the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

Dear Committee Chair Brian Feldman, and the Honorable Committee Members,  
My name is Chuck Thompson and live in District 31.

Federal deficit spending is harming all Americans and a convention of states  
where federal spending will be discussed is the only way this can be addressed.

As an illustration - how would you feel if you bought a dozen eggs and a pound of  
bacon only to come home to find out you have six eggs and eight ounces of bacon  
because the federal government changed the definition of a dozen and a pound?

This may sound ridiculous but in effect this is what is happening all around us.

Take my parents who have been retired for the last 30 years. Their monthly  
pension is currently buying less food, transportation, and housing. Let me provide  
a quick example to quantify my point. When my father retired his monthly  
pension could purchase 443 Big Macs – today only 210. That's over a 50%  
reduction in his purchasing power. This is because the definition of what a dollar  
can buy has changed.

Next my children. Rates for mortgages, used cars, and credit cards have all  
increased dramatically. In addition, due to the reduction in the value of their  
savings, they must now work longer to make up for the losses.

How about my grandchildren? When they enter the workforce a huge portion of  
their taxes will be diverted to pay interest expense on the federal debt, leaving  
less for them to build their future.

What's true for my family is and will be experienced by all other families across  
the State of Maryland.

The members of this committee have the authority and the opportunity to address these issues through supporting and leading a convention of states.

I call on you to support SB1073 to put into place guidelines for commissioners to facilitate such a national dialog.

Your constituent's prosperity is dependent upon your actions.

Thank you for your time.



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