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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

No other country has the likes of our Constitutional Republic; but as great as it is, without oversight it is not indestructible. The States have the responsibility to maintain the balance of powers and be the watch dog over our Federal Government. Article V of the constitution was meant to be used by the states for this very purpose.

19 States have passed a convention of states resolution, 16 States have passed legislation similar to SB1073 because they recognize that explicit rules around a convention are needed.

I recently spoke to a member of the house who believes there could be a run away convention. This bill addresses those concerns and more. It will help legislators truly understand how this process can work. Such as having a legislative oversight committee with the authority to immediately discharge a delegate who does not abide by the rules set out for them. Putting blocks in place to bar any outside influence which includes that no monetary donations can be accepted.

No different from Congress, there's a possibility that no amendments would pass. There is, however, no better way to fix issues with our federal government than by States working together towards lasting solutions that could also strengthen State legislators' control.

With your decisive action, Maryland can be a leader in becoming prepared and knowledgeable about how to hold a Convention of States and have it run smoothly. With the guidance and knowledge that can be gained via this Bill, Maryland can move forward with clarity in this process.

Please vote in favor of this bill to assist Maryland in paving the way by setting standards that would be powerful and profound. Thank you.