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Written Testimony in **SUPPORT of - House Bill HB 1202** - Amendments Convention Called Under Article V of the U.S. Constitution - Delegation to the Convention -

To the Rules & Executive Nominations Committee

Dear Committee Chair Anne Healey, and the Honorable Committee Members,

My name is Sandra Worsham, and I vote in District 15. I decided to come today, because I believe we have a lot in common. We all have families and people depending upon us to do our jobs well, take care of them and provide for their future. We all hope to live, retire, and leave behind a free society and a safe United States. One big difference though is that you have the power and opportunity to protect our rights and ensure we leave behind that free and safe society.

Our federal government and its agencies believe it can do your job better than you. It consistently encroaches on our rights and imposes regulations that have not been approved by our elected leaders. This is why I support the Convention of the States and this Bill. Many agree with me. Nineteen Convention of States applications have been filed whose purpose is to limit the federal government's size, scope, and power.

It is obvious, voters want the federal government out of your and our back pocket. If they were doing a stellar job, maybe we'd be less adamant-but they are not. Voters want to see positive change, and change can happen if Maryland joins the numerous states who previously passed their Convention of States resolutions and takes the action permitted to it by Article 5. We want each arm of government responsible for doing its work and not overstep its boundaries. We may have differing opinions about how much the federal government has increased the scope of its power beyond what was intended, but hopefully we can agree if no action is taken, it will only get worse.

I hope you will lead and pass this Bill out of committee, so the floor can engage in a full debate on this important Delegation to the Convention. I ask you to support the legislation to provide a framework for the convention when it is called, so Maryland can be a leader in the effort.

Thank you.