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Written Testimony in SUPPORT of - House Bill – HB1202 - Amendments
Convention Called Under Article V of the U.S. Constitution - Delegation to the
Convention -

To the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee

Dear Committee Chair Anne Healey 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 are responsible for maintaining the balance of powers and being the watchdog over our federal government.

The nation's debt is astronomical and beyond comprehension. Our reckless out-of-control spending has put the dollar in jeopardy of losing its place as the world's reserve currency, which would be a major blow to our economy.

Unelected officials having control over our lives for an unlimited period of time is imprudent.

Many other States have passed a convention of states resolution because they recognize their autonomy is at risk and inaction is no longer an option. Article V of the Constitution was meant to be used by the states for this very purpose.

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, concerns can be put aside, and Maryland can move forward with clarity in this process.

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 working together towards lasting solutions that could also strengthen State legislators' control.

Please vote in favor of HB1202 to help Maryland set the example for setting standards that would be powerful and profound. Thank you.