

## SB1073 / HB1202 – UNFAVORABLE

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Beware of fraudulent letters being sent to legislators in favor of this idea or this bill. John Birch Society<sup>1</sup> has indicated that letters are being sent out fraudulently that are typed canned messages with the same message in each one, containing a person's address but are not signed.

I am opposed to the Convention of States. I love my government! Why would I want to go through all this effort to change it? Going through this process may wipe out my social security benefits that I'm receiving today. Or it may wipe out someone else's government check that they depend on. It may create elections systems that are based on social score and become unfair. It may tax the rich much more and make taxes for the middle class voluntary. Imagine that – voluntary taxes!

It may take years to start and it may take years to complete. There is no time limit on it. It may be heavily influenced by lobbyists or it may be heavily influenced by wealthy sovereigns.

The delegates may play by the rules or they may not. They may hand the country over to China or Argentina.

The bill suggests that Maryland can control what is being discussed in the convention, but that is not how the convention works. So already heading down the path of deception and corruption.

It's a big unknown! Too many issues are uncontrolled and there are no guarantees that what the bill sponsors want will even be implemented.

Better to just let the election system choose our government as it does today.

I ask for an unfavorable report.

Thank you.

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<sup>1</sup> The John Birch Society website - <https://jbs.org/video/understanding-article-v/34-proof-that-cos-project-utilized-fraud-to-peddle-article-v-convention/>