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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,

My name is John Kelly, Jr. I was born and raised in Maryland, grew up in Greenbelt, and went to DeMatha High School. I am the oldest of 12 children and the father of 5, being married 41 years to my wife Debbie. After high school, I became a union electrician through Local #26.

I started my own company, Kelly Generator and Equipment, in 1992 with two employees, and 31 years later we have just over 100 employees both in Maryland and Pennsylvania. I have had many opportunities to interface with state and federal government representatives as both a private citizen and business owner, which has led me to the conclusion we need term limits at the federal level.

The government in our country was meant to serve and protect private citizens and the private sector and the only way to get more needed private sector experience in government is through term limits.

By letting new people serve every few years and then return to the private sector, new talent can then bring in current business and education experience, thereby helping the communities around us.

What we have now are career politicians who have little to no understanding of private sector needs - most every business owner I know, will attest to the very poor results the government is producing now and throughout my lifetime, regardless of party affiliation.

It is clear to me that a convention of states and Article 5 is the only way at this time to have term limits assured, as federal legislators will never term limit themselves out of a job.

I urge you to pass HB1202 to put guidelines around such a convention to ensure it is kept within the subject matters of fiscal restraints, overreach, and term limits at the time the convention of states is called.

Thank you.