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Thanks in advance for your support of this important bill. An Article V Convention of States will be a much-needed action to limit Federal jurisdiction, limit Federal fiscal overreach and limit Federals terms of office. Missouri sovereign rights will be well served by the contents of this bill. Brad Hohenstreet - Saint Charles MO House District 65



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HB836 Testimony 3/22/21 Good evening, Chairman Trent, Representatives. My name is Brett Sterley. I am a resident of the 135th House District and volunteer as Missouri State Director for the Convention of States Project, testifying in support of HB836. Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. The 99th Assembly passed the Convention of States Project's model resolution to apply for an Article V convention of states meeting to propose amendments to the US Constitution that: limit the size, scope and jurisdiction of the federal government, discuss term limits for federal officials and restore fiscal restraints, in 2017. The next step is for you to determine how Missouri will select commissioners to represent Missouri at an Article V convention of states meeting. This is what HB836 does. HB836 involves the entire state and the entire legislature. The Senate President Pro Tem and Speaker of the House will select 5 members of their chamber, 3 from the majority party and 2 from the minority party to a committee tasked with identifying potential commissioners. The 10-person Committee will select at least 3 possible commissioners and 3 possible alternates from each Federal Congressional District in Missouri. These candidates will be presented to the full body for an individual vote. The legislature will select 1 commissioner and 1 alternate from each Federal Congressional District to represent Missouri at any Article V meeting. Selecting commissioners from across the state accomplishes several things: 1) This insures the entire state is involved in the process and participates in this discussion. 2) Ideas from across the state will be represented as well as the interests of the state. 3) Citizens throughout the state will be involved and that is critical when it comes time for ratification. The Joint Legislative Committee will have the authority to recall commissioners who violate their commissions or their instructions for a specific Article V convention of states meeting. No more than 1/3 of the commissioners or alternates will be sitting members of the Missouri Legislature. HB231 is a thoughtful and fair process for Missouri to select its commissioners. Opponents of The Framers' convention of states process have claimed that we do not know how the commissioners will be selected, who controls their actions and if they can even be controlled at a Convention of States meeting. Even though those claims are historically false, this resolution takes the uncertainty out of the process. With this question being definitively answered, we should expect The Framers' opponents to embrace this resolution. Sadly, I imagine they will not and raise other objections to this Constitutional process. We should have a thoughtful and meaningful discussion about solutions to unconstitutional governance. At some point however, it is reasonable to ask if they are so satisfied with the status quo that they will oppose your Constitutional obligation to use this remedy no matter what. The Framers were very deliberate in the words they used and processes they included in the Constitution. The Framers supported and adopted the state-led solution to propose Constitutional

amendments unanimously and without debate. I ask you to support this process as they did. Thank you for your service and the opportunity to testify in support of HB836. COS Petition signers: Trent 391, Riley 370, Meredith 72, Boggs 447, Brown 343, Davidson 490, Hurlbert 433, Ingle 336, Pollitt 291, Rogers 246, Ruth 321, Schnelting 282, Schroer 385, Schwadron 233, Sharp 190, Weber 103



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I am submitting my support for this legislation and acknowledge that the process as set up by this legislation is a fair representation of appointing commissioners for the Article V Convention of States. I fully support this legislation and hope you will move this legislation forward. Thank you



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Since our voices are no longer represented and are even being silenced by our federal government, we must rapidly proceed with a Convention of States. As a fellow constituent I, Myra Wolf of Wentzville, Missouri, implore you to to move forward with HB836.



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I am writing in support of HB 836, the Commissioner Selection bill for an Article V Convention. This bill is necessary, because eventually an amendments convention in support of the Convention of States Project resolution will be called. Convention of States volunteers are hard at work in every state educating the public about Article V, and the general consensus is that people are now fed up with the Federal government enough to want to take action. I worked a Convention of States booth at a gun show last weekend. Not being at all a "gun person", I had a preconceived notion about the kind of people who would attend. I was surprised at how diverse—in every way—the attendees were, and I noted that many "people of color" were really interested in what I had to tell them about Convention of States. COS is a diverse and universally representative movement. This gives me hope, because when citizens start paying attention to their government rather than just taking it for granted, things will start to happen fast. And Missouri wants to be prepared for the Convention when it takes place. This bill defines a process for selecting convention Commissioners from Missouri. It is a thoughtful process that allows for bi-partisan input and is representative of all areas of Missouri, both rural and urban. I believe that you should vote to pass this bill. Thank you. Patti Siegel Volunteer for Convention of States from Manchester Missouri





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I was born in Cuba, came here to go to college on 12/24/1958 (1 week before Fidel), my parents became refugees in 1961 after losing every thing. I became a US citizen in 1967. I am scared of what is happening to my country and I am trying to do what ever I can to prevent the US from becoming a socialist country. Don't tell me that it can't happen. It is happening right now.



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**If there is any opportunity for me to become a member/commissioner of the COS efforts, I will do everything in my ability to support and further their efforts.**



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My name is Vivian Gontarz from Saint Charles, Mo. I'm asking you to support House Bill 836 (HB836) relating to the appointment and duties of commissioners to attend an Article V Convention of States. Throughout this country, states are considering legislation to hold an Article V Convention. Missouri needs to prepare for this event by providing a method and procedure for selecting commissioners. HB836 does just that in a manner that is safe and fair. HB836 has several safeguards that limit commissioners to propose amendments on only three topics: fiscal restraints, term limits, and stopping the overreach of the Federal government. These safeguards include: • the commissioners take an oath to discharge their duties; • the commissioners are sent to the Convention with specific instructions from the General Assembly IN ADDITION TO the provisions spelled out in HCR17 and HB836; • the commissioners further agree to report a fellow commissioner if one were to violate their oath or instructions; • the commissioners will have their votes nullified if they are outside of the enumerated duties of the commissioners; • and the commissioners can be recalled if they even attempt to cast an unauthorized vote. HB836 is also fair. The joint legislative committee that selects the commissioners will be comprised of both majority AND minority members. Although one-third of the commissioners and alternates could be sitting members of the general assembly, the other two-thirds will be comprised of well-informed citizens from across Missouri. Please give us the tools and the time to identify and recruit our commissioners, to define rules for running the Convention, and to start conceptualizing proposed amendments. We are not asking for money or personal benefit – only the opportunity to make our Federal government work better. Please vote HB836 out of committee with a favorable recommendation and allow the "Show-Me State" to continue to lead at the Convention. Thank you for your support!



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**I am in Oppistion to the Appointment Process as these should be Elected positions to serve  
Missourians on a National Stage.**



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It is the position of the Sierra Club to oppose any attempt to call an Article V Constitutional Convention in the United States. We therefore oppose House Bill 836. Throughout the 230-year history of the U.S. Constitution, an Article V convention has never been called. The unknowns surrounding a constitutional convention pose an unacceptable risk, particularly in the current polarized political climate. The risks are as follows: **THREAT OF A RUNAWAY CONVENTION:** There is nothing in the Constitution to prevent a constitutional convention from being expanded in scope to issues not raised in convention calls passed by the state legislatures, and therefore could lead to a runaway convention. **INFLUENCE OF SPECIAL INTERESTS:** An Article V convention would open the Constitution to revisions at a time of extreme gerrymandering and polarization amid unlimited political spending. It could allow special interests and the wealthiest to re-write the rules governing our system of government. **LACK OF CONVENTION RULES:** There are no rules governing constitutional conventions. A convention would be an unpredictable Pandora's Box; the last one, in 1787, resulted in a brand-new Constitution. We risk possibility that the process would be used to undo hard-won civil rights, civil liberties advances and environmental protections and undermine basic rights extended throughout history. **THREAT OF LEGAL DISPUTES:** No judicial, legislative, or executive body would have clear authority to settle disputes about a convention, opening the process to chaos and protracted legal battles that would threaten the functioning of our democracy and economy. **APPLICATION PROCESS UNCERTAINTY:** There is no clear process on how Congress or any other governmental body would count and add up Article V applications, or if Congress and the states could restrain the convention's mandate based on those applications. **UNCERTAIN RATIFICATION PROCESS:** A convention could try to re-define the ratification process (which currently requires 38 states to approve any new amendments) to make it easier to pass new amendments, including those considered at the convention. This happened in 1787, when the convention changed the threshold necessary for ratification.



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