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Our founding fathers were very visionary 244 years ago when they drafted the Constitution for us. They knew from the research they did and the life experiences they had that there would be a day when the government of the Republic would more than likely become too powerful and would over reach the				

the government of the Republic would more than likely become too powerful and would over reach the authority granted to them by the Constitution. Today we have sadly witnessed the government do exactly as the founders had anticipated. I support the resolution before you today as written because I believe that a convention is a necessity no matter how long it takes to reach the 34 states to call it. I would urge the committee to vote in the affirmative to move this resolution to the floor for debate and hopefully passage. It is time that the power came back to the states where it belongs and I believe that as Representatives of the great State of Missouri you would want that to happen as well. Thank you for the opportunity to present my feelings on HCR17.



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Now more than ever Article V is the best way for Americans to communicate their need for				

improvement to our nation's government. Remove the sunset clause on the previous resolution to enable Missouri to partner with other states as we accumulate the necessary quorom to hold the convention.



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The federal government is out of control and it's time for "we the people" to stand up to this abuse. The only way to that is for a call of Convention of States. Term limits, limiting federal spending and making states rights stronger is the only way to get control back to the people of the United States. To make the call of Convention of States takes 34 states and Missouri has made that call but with a narrow window. I feel we should extend the date or eliminate it so we are ready when the rest of the country has made the call. I fully support this legislation.



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In 2017 the Missouri legislature passed the Convention of States resolution. Many people in our state were concerned about the distortion of our Constitution that has taken place over the last 100 years, largely through judicial activism, and the way this distortion has worked to enlarge both the size and the power of our federal government. This is, of course, undesirable, but difficult to reverse. Fortunately our Founders foresaw this problem and provided us with a solution-an Article V convention called by the states themselves. In 2017 calling an amendments convention was a "new" old idea-for various reasons most people were unfamiliar with Article V and some did not trust this mechanism that was given to us through the wisdom of our brilliant Founders. Regrettably a "sunset clause" was attached to the Convention of States resolution. This neglected the fact that it took those who wish to destroy our Constitution over 100 years to get us to this state, and we won't be able to reverse the damage they have done overnight. The events of the past year have shown that even local governments will try to impinge on our liberties, and overseeing the mighty federal government is an impossible task. There are quite a few ideas floating around as to how to deal with this problem, ranging from "just elect the right people," to states "nullifying" federal laws they don't like, to various Article V efforts to address bits and pieces of the problem (balanced budget amendment, term limits amendment, etc). However, none of these ideas really addresses the three-pronged problem of a federal government that is too big, has usurped jurisdiction from states and localities, and whose people (both politicians and bureaucrats) stay in power way too long. Only the Convention of States resolution will call a convention to propose amendments that can get to the core of the problem and restore the fundamentals of our Constitution. The state of Missouri must pass a "new" Convention of States resolution, one that keeps the fundamentals (the resolution as it was passed in 2017) but gets rid of the sunset clause, so that We the People have the time to educate ourselves and the state legislatures of our various states as to how we can use this solution the Founders gave us-the only workable solution—to restore our Constitution and ensure liberty and prosperity for future generations of Americans.Patti SiegelDistrict Captain, Missouri House District 99Convention of States, Missouri



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Clearly term limits are needed on each and every elected office in the US Congress					



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My name is Vivian Gontarz of Saint Charles, Mo, and I'm asking you to SUPPORT HCR17 which calls for an Article V convention of the states to propose amendments placing limits on the Federal government. This legislation was approved by a super majority in 2017. It has a companion bill which will go to a committee soon (HB836) which establishes provisions for the appointment and duties of commissioners to attend an Article V convention. Senator Burlison testified last week before the Committee on Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics in favor of this Article V convention. He rightly pointed out that this Article V application should be considered together with the bill for appointing the commissioners, because the details of the commissioner bill dispel the fears and reservations that some express about the HCR17. These fears include a "runaway convention" that would rewrite the Constitution and the US Congress setting the rules for an Article V convention. You can be confident that an Article V convention will NOT exceed the three subjects of the application or be controlled by Congress because: 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 the they even attempt to cast an unauthorized vote.Congress cannot set the rules by which the Article V convention will operate - the General Assembly and the convention itself will do that. In the nearly-impossible event that an unauthorized amendment is proposed (such as something that would affect the second amendment), it only takes thirteen of the fifty states to vote it down during the ratification process.An Article V convention is constitutional, it is safe, and it has the support of some 52,000 Missourians and fifteen other state legislatures thus far. It provides orderly improvements to our government without changing our Constitutional form of government. It is a solution as big as the problem, and it is far superior to other approaches you might hear about today - such as nullification or even secession. Thank you for considering and supporting HCR17 in light of HB836, and I ask you to support making this Article V legislation permanent.



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Dear Committee, I urge you to pass HCR17. Now more than ever it should be clear that the states need				

to take charge and help 34 states force a congress to call a convention of states to propose (it can only propose) amendment to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the scope and jurisdiction of the federal government, and impose term limits on federal officials.



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17. I am the Director of Research for Phyll Missourian, I know that we are a people w must testify against any legislation that se convention would put our constitution in j about how a convention would go, but the words of Article V say very little about how would call it and determine the ratification the Convention of States project held in W that the mock convention was essentially the convention, which certainly would not one New York delegate were Republicans, held. Proponents also claim that other sm American history. Again, the real problem which is what an Article V convention wou convention can only be a matter of specul cannot guarantee that there will be adeque sides of the political spectrum will do eve Constitution. The gun control lobby will se Supreme Court Justice Stephens advocat will seize the opportunity to insert an about amount of promises from the proponents Pelosis and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortezs of to the states now, what makes people thim more power?To support an Article V Cons grassroots to make real change. No one d is going to take the hard work of thousand can force Congress to listen to us. There is make everything easy for us. Although ma understandable confusion surrounding th whatever way possible for the members o 17.Regards,Jordan T. HenryDirector of Re	ho love our Constitution and beks an Article V Constitution ieopardy.Proponents of a con- ey have no real evidence to ba- w a convention would work, a process. Proponents also po- filliamsburg, VA in 2016. Howe rigged in their favor. They have happen in reality. All three of which also would never happ aller "Conventions of States" comes when a convention mu- ld require. Clearly, the outcou- lation because one has never ate safeguards on a convention rything within their power to the eize the opportunity destroy the ed in his book On Handguns a rtion-on-demand amendment of a constitutional convention the country from trying to se is they will do so in a convent stitutional Convention is to un enies that it will be hard to re ds of tireless patriots. However is no silver bullet like a Const any proponents have the best is important issue. I would be f this committee.I strongly urg	the freedoms it al Convention H vention make n isck up their clai side from the fa- bint to a mock of ever, proponent ind-picked all of the California of pen if a convent have happened ust be called by me of a constitu- happened und on, we must as have their own h he Second Ame and the Law. The into the Constitu- ne will be able to ize control. If the ion where they derestimate the in in Congressi er, I firmly believed of intentions, to happy to act a ge you to vote for the second for the constitu- tion where they derestimate the constitu- tion where they derestimate the constitu- tion where they of intentions, to happy to act a	secures for us. I because such a many promises ms. The 143 act that Congress convention that ts will not tell you the delegates to delegates and the tion was actually d throughout y Congress, utional er Article V.If we sume that all little chunk of the endment, as he abortion lobby tution. No stop the Nancy hey do not listen are granted even e power of the onal overreach. It we that the voters ention that can here is a lot of s a resource in 'NO" on HCR	



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Sierra Club to oppose any attempt to call an Article V Constitutional Convention in the United States. We therefore oppose House Concurrent Resolution 17.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 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, or if Congress and the 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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Missouri needs to stay out of federal government business!					



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Hello. Well, Mr. Trent you got me lol. After reading this through and thinking very long and hard about this I cannot argue with the language in this. I agree with you Sir. You are absolutely correct with what you say in the bill when you say the federal government has in layman's terms failed us in many ways, but please remember that so has Missouri. I absolutely love my state. I was born and raised here. I might jumble my words but my typing is great lol. When dealing with protecting our 6 million + citizens from ANY threat or harm or foul I actually do take that VERY seriously, and I have heard your voice in this language. Now I don't always agree with the people I work with, as I'm sure you don't either, as I'm sure everyone who reads this will agree but...we all want the same thing. To protect our people. And I have a lot of them. So....this is what I have to say....for them and myself.....We the people....are worried. Worried that our leaders are not listening or caring in Jefferson City, Missouri. When did the price of our freedoms and well being come at the price of your fancy parties and salaries and records that some of us have seen but are bound to keep our mouths shut due to it would break the communities hearts if they found out what actually some of you all actually stood for? It breaks MY heart to have to be the one to speak to you all and have the strength to do so and be humble and loving and caring about it. I hope you know that. We want you to know that being a leader means you actually "hear" us and not just "listen" to us. You actually "see" is and not just "look". When you have an entire generation and society that is being overlooked it's not right. I have lived in 14 states and travelled and lived in more places than I can count. I literally went to 17 schools growing up due to being a military brat. Some individuals we deal with each day have never been outside of their town here in Missouri and they want to speak for 6 million people or more. It's a stigma that I empathize with but we want you to be cautioned of. To keep yourselves mindful of. We must maintain lines of communication with the federal government open. But we must also protect our state. A COS is something I have supported for awhile. But for the correct reasons. Not a political agenda. We need ratification of a few things and we need to implement some new laws. Just please by careful as you go through this process please and do not forget why you are doing this and who all elected you to your respected positions. They are the ones out there struggling right now. So keep pushing for them. Please. We hope you will. Thank you.