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I am in Favor of a United States Constitutional Convention and the Approval of Term-Limits for United States Representatives and United States Senators. We NEED To Limit the Power, Control, Greed, Money and Access of Every Elected Official. We Need Term-Limits of Eight (8) Years in the House and Eight (8) Years in the Senate. We Will Be a Better and Stronger Country. We The People!



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Too many politicians have forgotten why they are in Washington.



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"The Congress, whenever two thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose Amendments to this Constitution, or, on the Application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the several States, shall call a Convention for proposing Amendments, which, in either Case, shall be valid to all Intents and Purposes, as part of this Constitution, when ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the several States, or by Conventions in three fourths thereof, as the one or the other Mode of Ratification may be proposed by the Congress." This is all we have-black ink on white paper. Those who want to call an Article V Convention to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution believe they can control the process. Those of us who oppose an Article V Convention to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution believe that we won't be able to control the process. The problem isn't that members of Congress are staying too long. Since 2010 there have been 443 NEW members of the House of Representatives and 61 NEW US Senators!! Yes, there are several members who have been there for decades but there is a natural turnover. The people use the ballot box for term limits. Too many Americans think term limits would be a simple solution to our frustration with the U.S. Congress. There are no simple solutions. But that is the way our founders wanted it-we need to have an engaged electorate to send individuals to DC and to the State Capitols to represent them in our Republican form of government. Since the problem is not with our U.S. Constitution but with obeying it-staying within its confines, then amending it is not the solution. There is too much risk for no real benefit in calling for an Article V Convention to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Please reject this. Please oppose SCR25.



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Term limits restrict one's free speech. It is not a solution to big government.



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I oppose this legislation			



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April 20, 2022 Representative Curtis Trent General Laws Committee Missouri House of Representatives 201 W Capitol Ave., Rm. 304-A Jefferson City, MO 65101 Dear Chairman Trent and Members of the Committee, The Missouri Coalition for the Environment is a statewide, advocacy nonprofit organization that works to empower Missourians to protect their environment and health. SCR No. 25 calls for a Constitutional Convention, which would create an unacceptable risk for the people of Missouri and the United States for potential negative consequences. Therefore, we respectfully ask you to oppose SCR 25. This bill applies to Congress for the calling of an Article V Convention of the states to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution regarding term limits for members of Congress. We oppose this attempt to call an Article V Constitutional Convention. An Article V Convention has never been called in the history of the U.S. Constitution. The variables of said convention would put the U.S. Constitution and the American people at risk, especially given the polarized nature of politics in our nation today. Despite the fact that the Missouri Legislature applies to Congress to call the convention solely to address congressional term limits, once a convention is called, there is no reason it can't cover other topics. This leaves the entire U.S. Constitution up for debate, which is a risk that should not be taken. Additionally, there is little guidance regarding an Article V Convention, so many components of the process would be up for interpretation, leaving the Constitution vulnerable to undue influence from interests with more money to influence the process. Furthermore, there is not a clear structure that dictates how the people of each state would be represented and how disagreements would be resolved. All of this puts the U.S. Constitution, and thereby Missourians and all American people, at great risk for their rights to be infringed upon. (1, 2) The Missouri Coalition for the Environment respectfully asks you to vote "no" on SCR 25 in order to protect not only Missourians' wellbeing, but also the wellbeing of all Americans, by defending the current U.S. Constitution. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Mariel Lutz Legislative Intern Missouri Coalition for the Environment mlutz@moenvironment.org (314) 727-0600 Sources: 1) <https://www.commoncause.org/resource/u-s-constitution-threatened-as-article-v-convention-movement-nears-success/> 2) Sierra Club



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I am a trans student in Missouri who personally saw Dr. Lewis at St Louis Children's Hospital. I understand the party in support of this bill has arguments opposing "cross-sex hormones." I on the other hand have arguments supporting them. I went to a consultation with Dr. Lewis and we have talks about what these hormones will do and the reversible and irrevisable effects. At no point in my life have I been compelled to be trans nor have any outside influence. If influence truly affected who I was then I wouldn't be trans or gender nonconforming, due to the fact that throughout my life I've had people say "why are you trans, you should go die" which is extremely hurtful and just increases suicide rates among myself and among my other gender nonconforming peers. A lot of studies are biassed including Pro-Trans studies, but doctors who are qualified in the field of trans people should be taken SERIOUSLY and stop making children a poltical tool



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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 Senate Committee Resolution 25. 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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Absolutely not.