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In favor of H.R. 5005

This country, the united states of America, was founded on one underlying principle; everything that our government was built upon revolved around this ideal. This same ideal has allowed for a few squabbling colonies to rise to the greatest nation on earth, the sweet land of liberty, the land of the free and the home of the brave. That one principle is, self government. A government, as Abraham Lincoln described it, "...of the people, by the people, and for the people." The Constitution was written to create a federal government, but strangely enough the entire document is devoted to clearly limiting the power of that government. If that was not enough Amendment 10 to the Constitution, the final amendment of the Bill of Rights, states, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

Our founding fathers fought and died to preserve the blessing of liberty to themselves and their posterity. You and I don't know what it's like to live in a nation where government control is everywhere and on everything we do, because, standing on the shoulders of the giants before us we have enjoyed the blessing of liberty. The least we can do today is follow their example, and preserve this last hope on earth to ourselves and our posterity. Because our fore fathers created our nation and it's government so well, today we don't have to decide between submitting to government tyranny or drawing our guns to defend our freedom. It's not a question of life or death, war or peace; it's a question of who decides: you and me, or the federal government. Convention of States is the answer in this current situation, and it is the option before us today.

Convention of States is not a whim created by politicians, but a rescue plan written by our founding fathers. Article V of the Constitution of the United States was written as a way for the states to reclaim power stolen by a tyrannical government. Convention of States is simply the individual states getting together and discussing what should be done about the government. In a very similar situation to the one we have today, Thomas Jefferson in 1776 with the aid of 55 other men wrote these words:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government..."

The founders gave us Article V for this very time in history. This is your America, and this is my America and we both have the duty to preserve this last hope on earth to ourselves and our posterity. It is time we stand up for self government and hold politicians of both parties accountable to the rule of law. For that reason I ask that you vote in favor of House Resolution 5005 today, to allow Kansas to be a part of the Convention of States. God Bless and thank you.