

Testimony in Favor of HCR 5027
House Federal and State Affairs Committee

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For several decades now, I have been very concerned about the lack of federal accountability to We the People, referring to: the healthcare system, high drug costs, lack of accountability, the overspending and wars for profit or distraction. When my friend introduced me to Convention of States, I listened, and then I researched. Will it work, is it safe? Why haven't I heard of it before? Was this something worth my time and talent?

Being a history buff, it took me a while but I found the answer. Absolutely yes.

This is the only long-term solution. It will not be easy or quick, but it is the solution. It opens up communication to look at the problems. What is wrong with that?

As the value system in Washington continues to decline, it becomes more and more demoralizing. I realize, they do not represent my values. Our federal representatives have become detached from the people: "Out of sight, out of mind." Regardless of when in the last decades that started or with what party, they choose their priorities by what will make them look good but with little or no connection to the voters.

So that first light bulb went off, and I realized COS could mend this. COS can bring the balance of control back to the states as it was written in the Constitution. I cannot tell you how hopeful I felt.

I know elections are important, but if we elect good people and put them into bad systems, they cannot perform. Second light bulb!! COS can help repair the out of control, broken, money addicted Federal system that can no longer think straight.

With all my being, I truly feel this is the only long-term solution. Every day when, I work on COS, I thank the founders for thinking of this just before they were going to sign the Constitution. Even though they could not imagine states giving away their powers, they decided to put Article V in there just in case. God was always with them, I am sure. As a retired veteran, as a mother and a grandmother, as a lover of life in the USA, I ask you to please consider this process to help protect us and our next generations from a hard totalitarian system of government, where Kansas will no longer be Kansas.

I want Kansas to remain Kansas. That is why I chose to live here.

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