

SUBJECT: Written Testimony of Howard Burnette, Tennessee citizen In opposition to HJR 0005 application for an Article V Convention, for the Senate State and Local Government Committee Hearing on January 16, 2024 at 1:30 pm

TO: Senator Briggs, Chair; Senator Walley, Vice-Chair; Senator Pody, 2nd Vice-Chair; and Members of the Senate State and Local Government Committee

One plus one equals two. If I said one plus one equals three you would know that I'm wrong and you could use the laws of mathematics and prove that I'm wrong. The proponents for HJR 0005 (Term Limits) are telling you that one plus one equals three. The agenda for an Article V Convention cannot be limited by the Tennessee State government. This is easy to prove. If you will simply read the second paragraph of our Declaration of Independence where it says, "... it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, ..."

Postmodernism has taken hold in America where contradictory ideas are both claimed to be true at the same time. For example, in Tennessee you are being told you can limit the agenda of an Article V Convention while the proponents for an Article V Convention are actively promoting the exact opposite position at the federal level to combine all requests for an Article V Convention for whatever cause since the establishment of America's second Constitution (H. CON. RES. 24, see attachment for a copy).

I urge you to not accept the lie that one plus one equals three by voting in favor of HJR 0005 (Term Limits).

Sincerely,

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