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Senate Affairs Committee, Please read my testimony into the record for SJR502:

The president of COS said their 3 application subjects were chosen by a popularity poll.

COS resolutions are not about term limits, or budgets, or reining in the federal government, but about getting a dangerous Article V convention that cannot be limited in scope and would certainly destroy our Constitution, which has protected our liberties and at the same time allowed the United States of America the most prosperous nation in history.

The Article V convention is a federal convention called by Congress not by the States. Congress decides the delegate selection process, not the states, nor are delegates under state jurisdiction. Delegates to a convention are representatives of the sovereign People with the plenipotentiary power to write a new constitution with its own mode of ratification bypassing the states altogether and rendering meaningless the COS false assurance that a 38-state ratification threshold keeps bad amendments from being ratified.

COS tells you they want a limited convention, but convention promoters tell Congress they want an unlimited convention. H. Con. Res 24 in the 118th Congress demands Congress retroactively call an unlimited convention with the claim the 34-state threshold has been reached in 1979 by counting all non-rescinded, outdated, plenary, and unrelated applications.

There is no limiting provision in Article V or the Constitution. And there is no 1-state, 1-vote provision in the Constitution. All COS claims are fabrications for a fantasy convention. States' only power under Article V is to ask Congress to call a convention, once that's done, it's out of the hands of the states.

Real-world, modern-day conventions have resulted in a Marxist dictatorship in Venezuela and chaos in Chile, whose constitutions were copied from ours. Meanwhile COS insists their mock conventions demonstrate a convention is safe.

The Democrat Socialists of America, Al Jazeera, George Soros, and COS all want an Article V convention.

Nine states in the past nine years have rescinded all their Article V applications, and more than a dozen states last year have rejected COS resolutions.

The United States Constitution is not defective and does not need to be amended.

Ronald Reagan said, “Our Constitution is a contract that guarantees the most limited and equitable government in the history of man’s relationship to man.”

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