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FAVORABLE TESTIMONY - HJ 6 United States Constitution - Amendments Convention -
Limitations on Federal Power

Dear Chair Healey and Vice-Chair Holmes and committee members:

Debt is burying this country and we must do something about it now. In the past we bemoaned the fact that we were saddling our children with debt and then, it was our grandchildren. Now, unless we act, we will have a debt-enslaved country to leave our future generations.

With the recent passage of the federal 1.9 trillion dollar COVID Relief Act, the total pandemic spending alone comes to 6 trillion dollars, that equates to over \$18,000 in spending for every man, woman and child in the country. Current US debt is over 28 trillion dollars. (or \$85,000 per person).

The \$1400 in the latest round of COVID direct payment is a paltry sum in comparison of what we will be expected to pay in taxes down the road. And frankly, we can't tax our way out of debt.

Debt threatens each citizen's prosperity. Continued debt will impact every aspect of our way of life including our national defense. In 2010, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman, Admiral Michael Mullen said, "The most significant threat to our national security is our debt."

It is time that elected state officials who have balanced their state budgets stand together and demand that the federal government get spending under control. I ask that you stand up for the people of Maryland and adopted a favorable report on HJ 6 United States Constitution - Amendments Convention - Limitations on Federal Power.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Cox", written in a cursive style.

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