

Written Testimony in **SUPPORT of- Senate Joint Resolution SJ8**, concerning -United States Constitution – Amendments Convention – Limitations on Federal Power

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

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Dear Committee Chair, the Honorable Senator Paul Pinsky, and EHEA Committee Members,

Hello, I'm Carrie Wolford from District 1. Service to our country runs deep on both sides of my family!

My generational Grandfather, Michael Paugh crossed the Delaware River with George Washington along with his brother Meshick Paugh. While fighting in the Revolutionary war they also camped at Valley Forge.

The sacrifice they made to this country is still within my soul. I think about the stories I hear about the conditions of our soldiers at Valley Forge- The soldiers were starving for lack of food. If they even had shoes at all, they were riddled with holes. Their uniforms were torn and tattered and not appropriate for the long cold winters, no blankets to keep them warm, and sickness was all around. Many of the soldiers froze to death. They were willing to sacrifice their lives in order to have freedom.

They were at times, not receiving just compensation for their service. So, at the end of the war George Washington made sure that they were given parcels of land in Garrett County. I will cherish that land until the day that I die.

Most of the men in my immediate family also served in the military. I do not take their sacrifice for granted and that is why I volunteer with the Convention of States. It is the solution that is as big as the problem.

My family was always willing to shed blood for our inalienable rights - not for a bureaucracy to take them away with a stroke of a pen. They fought for the right to self-govern, to earn their own way.

Many Marylanders are in the movement to preserve our freedoms and to use Article V of our Constitution. We want to know whether you are willing to stand with us? We do not want you to sacrifice our State or our rights, and hand over your power to some crazy agenda in Washington D.C.

We once united against the British in the Revolutionary War, we were united in calling the late federal convention, we need to unite again, NOW! For the peace and happiness of America before it is too late.

As a descendant of generations who were willing to give everything that they had so that you have liberty and that you have a right to your individual pursuits of happiness, I am asking that you vote Favorable on resolution SJ8 and allow it to the Senate floor for debate.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Carrie Wolford