

Rules and Executive Nominations Committee, Maryland House of Delegates

Dear Madam Chairwoman,

I am Leslie Jenkins, and I live in District 5. I am a volunteer for the Convention of States. I was born and raised in Maryland and most of my family still resides here.

Article V was given to the citizens of this nation as a tool to be used when the Federal government has become out of control.

Our founders said that this method of coming together as State leaders on behalf of the people, to debate the listed proposed amendments in this resolution, will probably never be resorted to unless the federal government should show symptoms of betrayal.

Symptoms don't even begin to describe the problems our Nation has right now. The blinders are on, in many parts of our nation right now. They fail to see the progression into a socialist, authoritarian country that we are becoming. History does repeat itself and I fear that we are repeating history at an alarming rate.

Article V was conceived to be used instead of a last-minute ditch effort to expedient measures to try and reign in the federal government once it has crossed the barrier of no return. If this occurs, we would then be at the mercy of some radical and ineffectual measures that have no guarantee to retain our freedoms.

I applaud the founders in their wisdom to provide this safe, and peaceable measure by calling for a Convention of States. The abuse of power when allowed to go unchecked brings about greed and corruption. Article V is the remedy, and you could provide that remedy for Marylanders.

This is indeed one of the greatest beauties of the system and every candid mind should understand the wisdom behind Article V.

The Constitution of any government which cannot be regularly amended when it has gone off the rails reduces the people to two dilemmas-

1. they must either submit to its oppressions.
2. or bring about amendments by standing up for their freedom.

The Convention of States and its petition signers have seen the progression towards the destruction of our country. Instead of liberty the Federal government is often

choosing to follow a communist doctrine that is enriching their lives. In order to do that they have to take the power from the States and the people so that they reign supreme.

We are trying to avoid radical remedies and be proactive with a known peaceful remedy which our Constitution gives to us through Article V.

It is time that we all come together and stop the party politics, it is not the solution. We are all Americans, and it is time to start acting like we are, and stand up for our future generations.

A house divided cannot stand and we need to start working together for the good of our nation.

Thank you for your time,

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