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Written Testimony in SUPPORT of - House Bill – HB1202 -  
Amendments Convention Called Under Article V of the U.S.  
Constitution - Delegation to the Convention –

To the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee

Dear Committee Chair Anne Healey and the Honorable Committee  
Members,

My name is Will Zwart. I'm from District 36, and I've been with the  
Convention of States for three years now. I won't take up too much time  
because I only have three things to say.

Number 1: the Convention of States is inevitable. Only 15 more states  
need to pass the resolution, there are very active teams and legislation in  
all 50 states, there are two and-a-half million supporters from every  
belief, race, gender and political party, and these numbers are increasing  
by the day. Hundreds of legislators like yourself are beginning to see the  
writing on the wall, as are leading constitutional and political experts,  
who say that the convention will happen, and probably within the  
decade.

Number 2: with this in mind, Maryland needs to be prepared. Even if *we*  
don't pass the resolution (though of course, we should) other states will,  
and we can't be caught unprepared. That's why I strongly advocate for  
HB1202. Maryland must have a voice at the inevitable convention, and  
we must have a way to hold those commissioners we send accountable.  
This legislation will reinforce an already concrete process by ensuring  
those commissioners are beholden to you, the General Assembly, and  
not under the influence of special interest or, let's say, radical groups, to

pass one-sided amendments. The convention is coming, and Maryland must be prepared.

Number 3: I just want to thank everyone for your time, and assure you that Convention of States is the only democratic solution to the problem of Washington's extremism, and it's a process that has plenty of precedent and is so heavily supported by both sides of the aisle, that it will eventually happen. The question is: will Maryland be caught unprepared, or are we going to be fully equipped to participate in one of the most important political events in American history, and we can do that with HB1202. I urge you to vote favorable.

Thank you.