

1-22-25 PSW – Oppose SCR 4003

Good morning, I wish to thank the Committee Chair and Committee Members for the opportunity to voice my opinion in today's meeting.

I am Paul Wuebben, a retired Telecommunications Engineer, from district 27. I have lived in the City of Horace for the past year and 5 months, previously residing between West Fargo and Frontier for 16 years. I am a husband, father of 3 and grandfather of 2, all who reside in North Dakota.

I've had interest in government processes and policy for many years and have until recently limited this interest to being an educated observer and voter. I have not taken any sort of in person action in a policy process prior and feel duty to travel 3 hours to do so today.

I feel frustrated with the lack of federal fiscal restraint, federal regulation and jurisdiction over states and the lack of term limits imposed for members of congress and elected officials. My largest frustration is the lack of fiscal restraint and deficit spending as it impacts my immediate family, friends and neighbors negatively. In my opinion, the Debt-to-GDP ratio has been trending to unsustainable since 2004 and does not appear to reverse course anytime soon. The current 34+ trillion-dollar debt level is a generational issue; however, I believe there can be hope for our future. Our founding fathers provided a vehicle, Article V, Convention of States, that allows civic action by citizens and states to affect change under constitutional process.

Recently, I have been motivated to join the grassroots organization Convention of States, as a volunteer to contribute as much as I am able. The organization's goals align with my beliefs as the best solution to resolve my frustrations and provide opportunity for community concerns to be heard.

As a local volunteer, I feel honored to contribute to past volunteer efforts within our State and have started an engagement process to connect with 91 like-minded fellow district 27 COS petitioners. We plan to educate the community within the district and expand the effort to adjacent districts as much as possible, to inspire civic duty.

I support calling an Article V convention to propose amendments and ask that we act now to prevent the sunset of the HCR 3006 resolution enacted in 2017.

Therefore, I recommend a NO vote on SCR 4003.

Thank you for your time and attention, God Bless the Great State of North Dakota.

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