Written Testimony in Support of North Dakota SCR 4004 (Rescission) Judi Caler January 28, 2021

To Senator Kyle Davison, Chairman; Senator Scott Meyer, Vice Chairman; and Members of the North Dakota Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee:

My name is Judi Caler, and I'm President of Citizens Against an Article V Convention, a citizens group passionate about preserving the Constitution we have. Thank you for letting me submit written testimony.

The Article V convention movement is a decades-old, top-down scheme by the **global elite** to get a new Constitution. The easiest way to get a new Constitution, short of a hostile takeover, is through an Article V convention.

Throughout the years, North Dakota has passed applications asking Congress to call a constitutional convention to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution on one subject or another. And in 2001, North Dakota wisely rescinded all its previously-passed applications, including a Balanced Budget Amendment. But a decade later, lessons learned were forgotten, and North Dakota began passing more applications.

All Applications asking Congress to call an Article V convention jeopardize our federal Constitution and endanger our liberty.

Delegates to an Article V convention, as sovereign Representatives of "We the People," have the inherent right "to alter or to abolish" our "Form of Government," as expressed in the Declaration of Independence, para 2. And we have no idea who those Delegates would be or how they'd be selected! See attached flyers **HERE** and **HERE**.

That's why our Framers and **Brilliant Men** from both sides of the political spectrum, including four U.S. Supreme Court Justices and other luminaries have warned that convention Delegates can't be controlled. We are fools if we don't heed their advice.

The convention lobby, financed by tens of millions of dollars from undisclosed sources, gives false assurances that state legislators can control the convention from start to finish and whatever else it takes to win your vote. But in fact, *all* you can control as a state legislator is the application process itself. After that, it is out of your hands. See "WHO has the Power to do WHAT under Article V": HERE.

Congress sets the convention rules per Article I, Sec. 8, last clause, U.S Constitution. And after the convention convenes, the Delegates can do whatever they want, including write a new Constitution with a new and easier ratification process, as our Framers did at the constitutional convention of 1787, our closest precedent.

Lobbyists and operatives that interface with Legislatures continue to insist conventions are limited to the subject of the application, because they know you wouldn't vote for their applications if you knew the truth. But behind the scenes, pro-convention strategists admit in <u>articles</u> and <u>papers</u> that conventions can't be limited, and Congress can call only a general convention where *any and all* amendments can be proposed.

We are dangerously close to Congress's calling an Article V Convention where our Constitution is on the line.

The Constitution isn't the problem. *The Constitution you took an oath to support requires that you defend it, not amend it. (Article VI, Clause 3, U.S. Constitution).*

Please Vote "Yes!" on SCR 4004 to once again rescind all previously-passed applications asking Congress to call an Article V convention.

Thank you for your consideration.