

North Dakota Senate State and Local Government Public Hearing

Written Testimony in support in SCR 4012

Please vote "YES" on SCR 4012, to rescind all existing applications for an Article V Convention. The pending applications are a threat to our constitutional republic. There is no way to know what a future Congress might do with these applications, and no way to limit the harm that a new constitutional convention could cause.

Other states have taken this very wise step of rescinding their pending applications for an Article V Convention. ***Please likewise rescind all of your prior applications.***

There is strong *bipartisan opposition* to holding a new Article V Convention, particularly at this time. Justice Scalia said in the last year of his life that ***it is a "horrible idea" to hold a convention under Article V of the Constitution.*** I was in the audience when he said that, which was independently reported by a newspaper.

This is one of the few issues on which a majority on both sides of the political spectrum agree: ***our Constitution should not be opened up to secret billionaires to rewrite it.*** Young people oppose holding a constitutional convention ("Con Con"). Kitty Werthmann, who passed away last summer at age 96 in Pierre, South Dakota, volunteered every year to defeat Article V applications there. Phyllis Schlafly spent decades defeating this bad idea.

A YES vote on SCR 4012 is a vote for our Constitution, and for our future liberty and prosperity. Thank you!!!

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