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To the House Committee on State Government and Elections,

On April 16, 2026, please support advancing H.R. 7009, JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING A CONVENTION OF THE STATES UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

Regardless of the times, the ability of the Federal Government to encroach upon the sovereign authority of the individual States must be kept in check - this is why the Constitution was drafted as an incorporation of limited powers, and it was a strong factor in our own State's earliest reservations about ratifying the original constitution in the late 1700s.

The proposed legislation places appropriate limits on the proposed Commissioners to the proposed Convention, with appropriate guidance and discretion to assist them in the drafting of proposed amendments. This is a national conversation that needs to occur, and this legislation is an empowerment towards the kind of conversation so crucial to the ideals of self-government in the United States.

At a minimum, Rhode Island's participation in preserving the limited jurisdiction of the Federal Government and engaging in a discussion of the encroachments enumerated in this bill deserves to be discussed in the broader General Assembly. Thank you.

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