



Testimony: H7792

SUPPORT for Rescinding Previous Article V Convention Applications

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Dear Chair Shanley and Members of the Committee,
My name is Jocelyn Foye and I am the Executive Director of The Womxn Project, a Rhode Island-based nonprofit that focuses on bodily freedom, LGBTQ+ rights, and government transparency.

I am writing to express my support for Rescinding Previous Article V Convention Applications, H7792. Article V Constitutional Conventions put our state at unnecessary risk for rollbacks of certain protections and could overall harm the progress Rhode Island has made.

A number of states have elected officials opposed to bodily freedom, so a Convention exposes minority communities of all types and one majority group, womxn, to potential further loss of rights and greater repression. Since such an Article V convention has no settled rules, and legal experts across the spectrum warn it could become a “runaway convention” that opens the entire Constitution—including protections for voting rights, civil rights, and checks and balances—to sweeping changes.

One particular area of concern for The Womxn Project is that an Article V Convention could lead to a Right to Life amendment. If this were to happen, the consequences would be catastrophic, as people would lose their bodily autonomy and could be forced into unwanted pregnancy.

Just this month, CNN published an investigation uncovering a global online site referred to as “rape academy” where men were being taught how to drug and rape women. Some uploaded videos and hosted livestreams of their disgusting actions, sharing and profiting off of their crimes. The report revealed that in February alone, the site had 62 million visits, with most being from men in the U.S. While this nightmare may not seem relevant to this bill, it indicates exactly why Article V Convention Applications need to be rescinded. **How many of these women across the country will be forced to carry children that resulted from rape due to a right to life amendment?**

The Womxn Project is here testifying because rescinding, cancelling the previous calls in RI for a federal Constitutional Convention, one dating all the way back to 1940, lurk as zombies in the federal legislative landscape. Bad actors, who have failed to secure majority support for their efforts to restrict bodily freedom, know these resolutions are technically valid.

Some combination of these zombie cases and fresh authorizations from more conservative states could provoke a Constitutional Convention. This resolution prevents RI’s past decisions from being used today.



H 7792 is constitutional housekeeping, eliminating past decisions from unduly determining the current course of events. Especially in a national environment where the rule of law is openly flaunted, human rights and constitutional protections ignored, undermined and denigrated.

The Womxn Project has worked to protect and expand bodily freedom in RI. **This resolution will bolster that protection in RI and across the country.** I respectfully urge you to recommend passage of H 7792.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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Executive Director, The Womxn Project