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Bill Number: SCR1607 Testimony

Disposition: Proponent

From: Lynn Fairbanks

To: Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee,

Thanks to all of you for your service to Kansas. Thank you, too, for protecting my freedoms and liberty in your role a representative of "The People". One of your roles is also to protect Kansans from overreach and dysfunction of a tyrannical federal government.

The Federal Government is spending/printing money we don't have, taking power from the states, and taking liberty from the people. Fortunately, our founders provided us with Article V of The Constitution in anticipation of this day. They knew that governments take more and more power but never return it to the people. The people of Kansas want to be a part of this process.

Some examples of overreach of the Federal Government are as follows:

1. Our national debt is out of control; and at \$31 trillion, it will enslave our children and grandchildren! In addition, there is no accountability for how these monies are spent. We need an amendment to address these concerns.
2. We need term limits on politicians! The Founders never intended for these to be lifelong positions or careers. Due to human nature, the longer they are in office; the less accountable they feel they need to be to their constituents. They would rather do the will of their donors or other special interests. While we cannot have complete turnover of either house every two years because of the considerable learning curve, terms must be limited so they aren't in Washington for 30, 40, and 50+ years! These people should have careers before going to Washington that they can return to at the end of their service. That is what the founders wanted and rightly so!
3. They have taken so much power from The States. I guess this began when the constitution was amended to have the Senate be elected by the people rather than by The States. The House was to be the "People's House" and the Senate was to be the "States House" so both were represented. The result over time has been huge bills that no one reads before voting on them, the handling of COVID lockdowns, mandatory vaccines, and the shutdown of businesses, were harmful to all people of Kansas, but particularly to children to where denied the ability to go to school. The most harmed were the most underprivileged kids who didn't have access to computers, school lunches, and time away from abusive situations. What was done can never be repaired and can't be allowed to happen again. Increasingly, states are having to enact legislation to protect their citizens from things like ESG scores or vaccination passports! Federal government power needs to be restrained.

There are many more examples, but I'll stop here. We need to pass SCR1607, and I hope you will represent the will of "The People" who put you in office. Please help get this country back on track using the tool provided by our founding fathers. Thanks for your consideration.

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