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In Opposition Testimony: Written Only

Dear Chairman Bud Estes and the members of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs:

I am writing to voice my opposition SCR1611: Making application to the U.S. congress to call a convention of the states.

I respect and admire the Constitution, and ask that lawmakers do the same by changing it only a cautious and reasoned process. The current political climate gives credence to obviously false but politically expedient stories, ignores expertise and experience, and promotes an "us versus them" approach. While advocates claim it is designed to stop federal interference, impose term limits and other laudable goals, the reality is that it could just as easily be used as a free-for-all assault on the Constitution to serve highly partian goals. With the record low levels of confidence in our bodies of government currently, this is not the right time to entrust our state legislatures to choose delegates to entrust with this sacred task.

I ask that you oppose SCR1611.

Thank you for your consideration,

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