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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
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My name is Andrew Shooks. I am a long time Oregon resident living in Bend, and I am also the State Communications Coordinator for Convention of States Action in Oregon. I am not opposed to the bill before you.

First, be assured that I am going to be brief with my comments.

I want to recognize that you have used the correct terminology, Amending Convention in the bill. It is not unusual for some states to use incorrect terminology such as Constitutional Convention. Precise language is important in these matters.

The will of the people is moving increasingly towards limiting the power of the Federal government and returning it to the States, as the founders and framers intended and as the Constitution calls for.

Convention of States Action will be working to bring a resolution to call an Article V Convention to the floor, during a future legislative session.

The Resolution will be to propose amendments to:

1. Impose term limits on elected and appointed Federal officials.
2. Limit the scope and jurisdiction of the Federal government.
3. Impose fiscal limits on Congress.

It makes sense to return the powers that have been usurped by the Federal government back to the States where the will of the people can much better be defined and acted upon. This is even more important than ever, in view of the unsustainable spending trajectory of the Federal Government.