

Rep. Tammie Wilson

From: Emily Thynes <emilythynes@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 1:19 PM
To: Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Pete Higgins
Subject: HJR 22

Dear Representative Wilson, Representative Keller, and Representative Higgins,

I seldom write to elected officials and am not from any of your districts, but I wanted to take a moment to proffer my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for co-sponsoring HJR 22. This kind of action from the states is long overdue, but this effort gives me hope that we can actually live to see our Constitution and personal and state liberties lifted back up to their former position of prominence. What you are doing will not be popular with the media, and, sad to say, even some constituents, but you are doing the principled thing for Alaska and the nation. Please keep going, and God bless you.

Sincerely,

Emily Thynes
Juneau

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Zabrina Byfuglien <zabrinabyfuglien@dbbsd.org>
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 8:49 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Lynn Gattis; Rep. Shelley Hughes; Rep. Doug Isaacson; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Tammie Wilson
Cc: Daryl Frisbie; kesslyntench@dbbsd.org
Subject: Re: State of Affairs Testimony, Zabrina B.

We are continuing our constitutional studies and would love to have the opportunity to testify again as we increase our understanding of this very important issue. Please be in touch.

Zabrina Byfuglien
Tri-Valley High School

On Feb 6, 2014, at 10:00 AM, Zabrina Byfuglien <zabrinabyfuglien@dbbsd.org> wrote:

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To: Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Lynn Gattis; Rep. Shelley Hughes; Rep. Doug Isaacson; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Tammie Wilson
Subject: State Affairs Committee Testimony: Isabella Saxe

Hello my name is Isabella Saxe and this is the testimony I read to the state affairs committee yesterday.

The primary opposition to this preposition to call a convention of states seems to be this fear of a runaway convention. And we would like to explain what has already been instituted to prevent this. Our country has been built on the principle that mankind is imperfect and we need checks and balances. Conventions of states are no exception to these checks. When we call for this convention, we are asking for it to be called with a limited scope of topics and issues we are to discuss, only after Congress receives 34 similar applications. Congress will then I specify the scope, ensuring that we don't stray from the issues we had planned, to also make sure that we don't come out with an amendment even remotely unrelated to what was proposed. If that were in some way to happen in spite of the previous checks, where out of this convention came an unrelated amendment, theres another check for that. It is congress's mandatory duty to deny ratification.

Ratification itself is even a check. 38 states must vote to ratify any amendments to the constitution. ratification is not an easy idea to sell.

When the state of Alaska sends delegates to this convention you can limit the amendments that our delegates can discuss. If they happen to go beyond their scope they can be recalled. If delegates going past the scope is still a concern you can do what indiana has done and pass legislation That puts controls on their delegates to an article 5 convention.

These conventions cannot make up their own rules, or change existing ones to make ratification an easier process. Thats not the way the system is set up. The Founding Fathers clearly laid out what to do in times like these. and we are ignoring our duty as Americans when we ignore article 5. When we ignore the very directions we have a responsibility to carry out. When the government has plainly overstepped its boundaries, and burdened us with tremendous debt. We have the obligation to act. and speaking for the generation that will grow up in this country, we don't want to grow up amongst piles and piles of debt. Once again we are students of a government class in Healy Alaska. Thank you so much for your time.

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From: Nicole MacMaster <nicolemacmaster@dbsd.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 10:11 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Lynn Gattis; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Doug Isaacson; Rep. Shelley Hughes
Subject: Nicole MacMasters Testimony

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Thank you for allowing me to testify at the states affairs committee after my testimony Representative Bob Lynn asked to send you all my written testimony, here it is.

Hi my name is Nicole MacMaster im a junior at try valley and I want to talk about the Regulatory, spending and debt crisis.

This is information from Joe Usibelle he is the owner of the Usibellie Coal Mine
Federal Government Passed a law that led to regulations, states can primacy and permit; air permit and water discharge originated at the federal level, now however its at the states., federal environmental EPA maintains on the federal level working over the shoulder of the state, and now the Federal Government needs abide by the state not the EPA. Involved in the EPA standards pm 2.15, threatened to take over, State has the ability to take away programs, through the EPA however its costly, time consuming and they absolutely have to keep up with all the regulations. Federal government department of the interior, is putting more pressure on states in interpret own regulations,. The government doesn't have to the right to tell the state what regulations to make, State regulators want to maintain a relationship with the federal government, but its hard. harm that the EPA does to the company; its extremely expensive, legal expenses are high, and recently the federal government has put more regulations on the states.

So I say the Government should keep their nose out of it, it should be run by the states.

Debt, our country is 17 trillion in debt to other nations, most of that debt is a result of out of conrtol federal government spending. What most people don't know is that in just the U.S we are 60 trillion in debt, that means that every single us citizen is about 193,000\$ in debt, I am sixteen and already owe the government more then going to an average college would cost.

There is a lot about the country debt that I don't understand I know that our country, what I have found out is that the USA is still the stabilizer for other states but unlike when nations held their own now its like a world nation, when other countries market crash ours lowers, and vise versa. if people are going bankrupt and cities are going bankrupt then will states then eventually our country.

at our dinner table if our budget is 0 then we cant do things that we want we don't have the power to just print more money and raise the debt ceiling. We need to start paying our debt or everyone is going to go bankrupt if we don't.

The Federal reserve purchases Treasuries from its member banks, using credit it created out of thin air. This has the same effect as printing money. It keeps interest rates low, avoiding the high-interest rate penalty the Federal government would usually impose for excessive debt.

Our government is out of control with its spending. The government is raking up so much debt its just going to become a huge financial mess for my generation. Its like a pile of dog poop laying on a beach, the government just keep pushing some sand over the top in order to cover it up but then when some one new comes along, my generation they gets a nasty foot full of dog poop. It is my hope that you will be able too leave feeling like you have left something behind that my generation can be proud to walk into, so I fully support Tammie Wilsons Resolution, thank you for your time. and allowing me to testify

-Nicole MacMaster

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

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COMMITTEE:	<u>House Finance</u>	DATE: <u>2-12-14</u>

I am EXTREMELY against this Resolution because it will result in a Constitutional Convention and a Con Con can NOT be limited to any particular legislation and WE WILL LOOSE THE WHOLE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

