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HB 2807

Proponent

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On behalf of Myself and Convention of States Kansas
Kansas House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

Chairman Carpenter and Members of the Committee:

As a Kansan and a proponent of this legislature exercising its duty in Article V of the United States Constitution to initiate needful amendments to curb our overreaching federal government, I welcome this legislation. The bill's sponsors have taken time to think through how this legislature may go about selecting delegates, or commissioners, to an Article V "convention of the States" meeting to discuss and propose constitutional amendments.

Delegates to such a meeting will be acting as agents of this legislature, acting on its behalf as ambassadors in a convention of sovereign States. Careful thought should be given to what qualifications those people should have, how they are to be selected, how they are to be instructed, how they are to be compensated for their time and efforts, and how they are to be held accountable for their actions and inactions on your behalf.

The bill is an earnest and thoughtful response with a framework of specifics to answer these and other relevant questions.

I am very glad to see this effort put forth and heard in this committee, and I hope the committee will give it further discussion and work it as far as possible.