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In Opposition
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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.

As a member of a group that maintains to uphold the constitution, it seems strange to me that you are looking to amend our constitution by attempting to pass SCR1611. The extent to which the conservative tradition in American law and politics upholds our constitutional edifice is a question that is seldom raised. This is so because it has always been generally assumed that conservatives have no basic quarrel with the American constitutional system and throughout American history have been its most avid, loyal supporters. However, the bill that you are presenting would put power and control in the hands of politicians (like yourself) and special interests, since you would ultimately choose which delegates attend them. This is also an ultimate power grab by special interest groups because they will then have unprecedented access to alter our country's Constitution.

What if you were no longer the party in power, Mr. Estes? Are you okay with the possibility of a progressive system where lobbyists and special interests are no longer in a position to jeopardize our rights and freedoms?

I ask that you oppose SCR1611. The way we amend the US Constitution has worked well for over 200 years and we should keep amending it in the same way.

Thank you,

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