

Date of Testimony: February 10, 2018
Bill Number: SCR1611
Testimony by: Carine E. Ullom

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

I am writing to voice my opposition to **SCR1611: Making application to the U.S. Congress to call a Convention of the States.**

A Constitutional Convention has the potential to undermine our democracy by disenfranchising the voices of the citizens. Amending our Constitution via ratification by $\frac{3}{4}$ of the states has worked well for over 200 years. This process allows citizens to participate in our democracy more directly, instead of delegating the representation of each state to people who may represent special interests rather than the will and needs of the people. Please do not support this legislation. This could set a dangerous precedent for the future of our democracy.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to our state.

Carine E. Ullom, EdD
Ottawa, KS
[785-214-1050](tel:785-214-1050)