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I am writing to express my strong support for Article V of the United States Constitution and the urgent need for a Convention of States (COS) to address critical issues facing our nation. As a concerned citizen and a member of the younger generation who will inevitably bear the burden of our nation's debt, I believe it is crucial to safeguard personal freedom and ensure the fiscal responsibility necessary for a prosperous future.

Article V provides a constitutional mechanism that empowers the states to propose and ratify amendments outside the scope of Congress. This provision was included by our Founding Fathers to grant the states the ability to address important issues that Congress may be unwilling or unable to tackle. Today, we face numerous challenges that demand immediate attention, including fiscal responsibility and the protection of personal freedoms.

One of the most pressing concerns is our nation's escalating debt. As a member of the younger generation, I am deeply concerned about the financial burden we will inherit. The current level of national debt is staggering, and if left unaddressed, it will burden future generations with unsustainable obligations. A COS presents an opportunity for the states to propose amendments that will promote fiscal responsibility, enforce spending limits, and establish mechanisms for reducing the national debt. By engaging in this process, we can work towards securing a better economic future for ourselves and the generations to come.

Additionally, personal freedom is a fundamental principle upon which our great nation was built. However, in recent years, we have witnessed an increasing encroachment on individual liberties. A Convention of States would provide a platform for proposing amendments that reaffirm and protect our constitutional rights, ensuring that personal freedom remains the bedrock of our society.

The Convention of States Project is a nationwide grassroots movement advocating for an Article V convention to address these pressing issues. The COS approach allows the states to collaboratively propose and ratify amendments, ensuring a broader representation of the American people and their diverse perspectives.

I urge this committee and our elected representatives to support the convening of a Convention of States. Let us seize this opportunity to secure a prosperous future by addressing the nation's debt crisis, preserving personal freedoms, and ensuring that the burdens of today are not unfairly shifted to the shoulders of future generations.

Thank you for considering my testimony and for your dedicated service to our great nation. I trust that you will carefully deliberate on this matter and make decisions that will benefit the American people both now and in the years to come