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A CALL TO ACTION

SAY NO TO THE ARTICLE V CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION



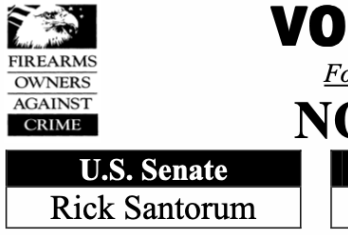
SR 152 is still able to be brought to a vote.... maybe today!

There has been a big push by those with **deep pockets** to make the Article V Constitutional Convention a reality. We must continue to pressure our elected representatives in the PA Senate to stop this very dangerous resolution from coming to a vote.

It saddens me to see **PAID SPOKESPERSON Rick Santorum** in

the media bashing "a certain well meaning gun rights group called FOAC" for opposing the potential gutting of our Constitution. When the host (also a paid spokesperson for The Convention of States Action) tried to minimize our organization and our opposition, he asked "what is FOLAC a *rash*?" and **Rick** replied, "*Firearms something I don't know it's it's I don't know what it stands for.*"

Rick Santorum knows very well who FOAC is. He sought out our endorsement when he ran for office in Pennsylvania, and FOAC endorsed him! How soon people forget.... perhaps Rick's next paid gig should be as a spokesperson for a Ginkgo Biloba product (you know... for better memory and brain heath).



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Rick also stated that we were the ONLY pro-gun group that opposed the Article V Constitutional Convention. **WRONG!** Gun Owners of America also came out against the Article V Constitutional Convention. **SR152 is dangerous and ALL GUN OWNERS MUST UNITE AND OPPOSE IT!**

JUST SAY "NO" TO A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION



Written by Dr. Val Finnell, Pennsylvania GOA Director Published September 25, 2021

If you would like to read the entire GOA article [CLICK HERE](#)

One of our FOAC-ILLEA volunteers actually reported that a Republican representative said that they wanted to see intellectual property rights added to the Constitution during a potential convention..... don't you think there may be other folks that want to tweak the 2A?

Tell me how an Article V Constitutional Convention could not run amuck??

Article V of the US Constitution states:

The Congress, whenever two thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose Amendments to this Constitution, or, on the Application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the several States, shall call a Convention for proposing Amendments, which, in either Case, shall be valid to all Intents and Purposes, as Part of this Constitution, when ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the several States, or by Conventions in three fourths thereof, as the one or the other Mode of Ratification may be proposed by the Congress; Provided that no Amendment which may be made prior to the Year One thousand eight hundred and eight shall in any Manner affect the first and fourth Clauses in the Ninth Section of the first Article; and that no State, without its Consent, shall be deprived of its equal Suffrage in the Senate.

The website Constitution Annotated says about the Article V Convention:

Because it has never successfully been invoked, the convention method of amendment is surrounded by a lengthy list of questions.¹ When and how is a convention to be convened? Must the applications of the requisite number of states be identical or ask for substantially the same amendment, or merely deal with the same subject matter? Must the requisite number of petitions be contemporaneous with each other, substantially contemporaneous, or strung out over several years? Could a convention be limited to consideration of the amendment or the subject matter which it is called to consider? These are only a few of the obvious questions, and others lurk to be revealed on deeper consideration.

When a state passes a Convention of States application, it goes into a stack with other states that have passed an application. Many folks think that our current legislators are going to be the people that represent Pennsylvania during a convention. This could not be further from the truth. How many years will it take to get enough applications to make the Convention a “go”?

Will you trust unknown future representatives to speak for you?

Do you think that your Great Grandparents would believe that in 2022 there are actual self-proclaimed Socialists walking the halls of government? Do you know what type of people will be available to represent us in an Article V Constitutional Convention if one were to take place in 10, 15, or 20 years from now? By passing the application NOW, we are giving power to future elected officials to “tweak” the Constitution.

The current call for a Convention is “to propose constitutional amendments that will limit federal spending, limit federal power, and set term limits for federal officials”. There are indeed good ideas, but can these things be done other ways? Are you SURE that by the time a convention happens, will these reasons be the sole focus of those that attend? Maybe by the time a Convention happens (if it happens), the reason will be to restrict “toxic” speech, eliminate “dangerous” firearms, and to grant the federal government the ability to mandate certain medical procedures to ensure the health and safety of the population.

If any of you have a crystal ball, I would certainly appreciate a peek.

The last time there was a Constitutional Convention was in 1787. The delegates went to Philadelphia to “make adjustments” to the Articles of Confederation and ultimately threw it out all together and replaced it with our current Constitution. There are no restrictions in place as to what can be done. Anything and everything COULD be on the table.

In defensive training, we teach that we must scrutinize any individual within our protective bubble and cautiously look upon them as a potential threat to our safety. The unknown is something we must be careful of. Therefore, it is prudent to look upon an Article V Constitutional Convention as a potential threat to our basic Rights and Liberties. Contact your PA Senator and let them know that **we must not roll the dice on our Constitutional Republic**, say no to an Article V Constitutional Convention.

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CONTACT PA SENATE MAJORITY LEADER KIM WARD



Contact Pennsylvania Senate Majority Leader, Kim Ward, and urge her to let SR67 and SR152 die on the table. As Majority Leader, she is in control of what items are brought to a vote or are left to die in the pile. Let her know that you don't want to give license to elected officials to change the rules by which this country is to operate.

You can call her office directly at 717-787-6063. Let her know that you are a gun owner, FOAC Member, and a Pennsylvanian that values the individual's right to self-defense... NO to SR76 and SR152.



Pennsylvania—Please continue to call!

from Judi Caler

Update PA: The good news is that despite the Senate leadership's doing everything possible to push the Convention of States (COS) application, they still don't have enough votes to bring it up on the Senate floor!

The bad news is that the Senate probably won't be taking their summer break for another 4 legislative days—so please keep calling through Sun., July 3rd—even if you've called before. Your calls are working!

COS is now targeting five Republican Senate hold-outs in their blasts and on national radio. Senators Brooks, Gordner, Robinson, Vogel and Yaw have had the courage to remain independent under unbelievable pressure from COS & Senate leadership.

So we need to prioritize those Senators ourselves (top of the list below—denoted by 2 asterisks) and encourage them to Vote "No" on Senate Resolution 152. The Senate won't vote unless COS gets commitments from most of the five. Your phone calls can keep the vote from happening!

If you're a Republican or conservative, let the Republicans know. Republican Senators leaning against an Article V convention will be delighted to know that there are conservatives opposed.

And remember—the Second Amendment is big among Republican legislators in PA. So losing our Second Amendment at a convention is a great argument when talking with them.

Please call as many as you can again ASAP—especially those with 2 asterisks— and ask your friends & family to do the same. Our Constitution depends on it. We'll keep you updated on what happens. Let's go get 'em again!The Legislation

Here is the biggest threat we face in the Pennsylvania Senate:

SR 152 (COS)—On the Senate Calendar—Can be debated & voted on anytime beginning Thurs., June 30 @ 9:30 am EDT. The Senate is also scheduled to meet July 1, 2, & 3 before taking a 2-1/2 month break.

Phone Calls

Please make the following calls again and prioritize the asterisks. Ask them to Vote "No!" on Senate Resolution 152 and describe it as an Article V convention (or convention of states) application. (There's a Senate Bill on a different subject with the same number on the calendar).

The phone calls are easy. You can even call after hours, if you'd like, although calls between 8:30 am & 4:00 pm EDT are likely to be picked up and can be more effective. If you have time for just a few calls, that's okay—every call helps! Suggestions for leaving short phone messages

(If you're a Republican or conservative, tell the Republicans so!)

1. We could lose our Constitution at an Art. V convention.
2. A convention could lead to eliminating our gun rights.
3. There's never been an Article V Convention—there could be unintended consequences.

4. Let's enforce the Constitution we have, not rewrite it!
5. No one can control the Delegates to an Article V convention.
6. Conventions can't be limited.
7. The Convention of States Project is funded mostly by the super-rich. Ask yourself why billionaires are trying to get their hands on our Constitution!
8. For Republicans only: The Convention of States Project is splitting the Republican party during an election year. Our conservative position on issues will mean nothing should we lose our Constitution!

Senator:	Office phone:
Sen. Kim L. Ward* (R) <i>Majority Leader: Ask her not to bring SR 152 to a floor vote!</i>	(717) 787-6063
Sen. Patrick Stefano (R)	(717) 787-7175
Sen. Lisa Baker (R)	(717) 787-7428
Sen. Camera Bartolotta (R)	(717) 787-1463
Sen. Michele Brooks (R)	(717) 787-1322
Sen. Patrick M. Browne (R)	(717) 787-1349
Sen. Christopher Gebhard (R)	(717) 787-5708
Sen. John R. Gordner (R)	(717) 787-8928
Sen. Scott E. Hutchinson (R)	(717) 787-9684
Sen. Bob Mensch (R)	(717) 787-3110
Sen. Mike Regan (R)	(717) 787-8524
Sen. Devlin Robinson (R)	(717) 787-5839
Sen. Mario M. Scavello (R)	(717) 787-6123
Sen. Robert M. Tomlinson (R)	(717) 787-5072
Sen. Elder A. Vogel Jr. (R)	(717) 787-3076
Sen. Gene Yaw (R)	(717) 787-3280

Sen. Wayne Langerholc, Jr. (R) (717) 787-5400

Sen. Daniel Laughlin (R) (717) 787-8927

Sen. John Yudichak (Independent) (717) 787-7105

Talking points for calls & letters

Time is short—so phone calls are best. Here are some talking points for reaching someone at a Senate office. And if you finish your calls and haven't written in a few days and still have time—do send another very brief email.

"States have no Power to Control Delegates to an Article V Convention" (flyer) shows that those who promise that State Legislators will select and control the Delegates are making stuff up! Delegates have the self-evident Right "to alter or to abolish" the existing state & federal governments. Thus no one has power over Delegates.

"Dark Money—Not the Grassroots—Is Behind the Convention of States Organizations (COS)" proves that almost 2/3 of the money driving COS's

effort to apply to Congress for a constitutional convention under Article V of the US Constitution, is coming from major donors giving COS \$5,000 to \$2,000,000 over the latest 3 years of reporting available. Why are multi-millionaires and billionaires trying to get their hands on our Constitution?

The "**Phony Petitions & Polls**" flyer describes how the Convention of States Project (COS) showcases unverified data to deceive legislators into believing their constituents are demanding a "convention of states" in order to influence legislators' votes. But as the flyer shows, Meckler can't guarantee his signatures are valid.

The "**Brilliant Men**" flyer shows that James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, four US Supreme Court Justices, and other jurists and scholars warned that Delegates to an Article V convention can't be controlled.

For Republicans Only:

Republican legislators are big on gun rights in Pennsylvania, and the largest state gun rights organization there is on our side. So, the following arguments might resonate with Republicans:

"**An Article V Convention Made Easy**," shows why Delegates to an Article V Convention have the power to throw off the Constitution we have and set up a new one, with a new and easier mode of ratification.

And COS board member Robert P. George has co-drafted **a new constitution** which grants massive powers to the federal gov't & imposes gun control with red flag confiscations!

Or, also on the gun-rights issue:

On Nov. 8, 2021, in a veiled threat at a legislative roundtable discussion with several Republican Senators present, Mark Meckler, President of the Convention of States Project (COS), told the leader of the largest Pennsylvania firearm rights organization, **FOAC-ILLEA**, that the supposed 90,000 Pennsylvanians Meckler "represents" won't support their constitutional carry legislation unless the gun group reverses its position and supports COS!

Meckler: "The question was asked, will this help pass constitutional carry? The answer is 'hell yes, it will!' Because right now, our activists are very angry with gun rights organizations in this state. And they'll not support anything that these gun organizations are doing, because they're now sworn enemies on Article V."

If that's the kind of support the Second Amendment is getting from COS, Pennsylvania mustn't let COS get their hands on our Constitution!

Also For Republicans Only:

In an article in the Federalist, Elaine Donnelly asks the question, "**What makes you think that only conservatives would show up to an Article V constitutional convention**?" She points out that "Participants would include not just conservative Republicans, but Democrats, RINOs, socialists, Green New Dealers, Supreme Court packers, gun controllers, police de-funders, big spenders, Roe v. Wade codifiers, teacher unions, Anthony Fauci fans, Electoral College critics, race-obsessed wokesters, social justice warriors, and peaceniks who would balance the federal budget by disbanding the Department of Defense."

Your Letter:

Please write all 50 Pennsylvania Senators and let them know why they should Vote "No" on Senate Resolution 152 and any other applications asking Congress to call an Article V convention, including SR 67, SR 127, & SR 227.

Copy the addresses below as a block into "BCC," and copy your own address into the "To" box; and place the bill# & description, e.g. Art. V convention, and perhaps something catchy on the subject line. Then write the Independent and scroll for the Democrats.

Senate Republicans (28)—Dear Senator (If you're a Republican or conservative, tell the Republicans so):

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Senate Independent (1)—Dear Senator:

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Now for the Democrats

Democrats should relate to your quoting or rephrasing an idea from one of the following links. Or info from the 4 flyers under "Talking Points" should work for Democrats as well.

For Democrats Only:

In his Issue Brief, "**A Dangerous Adventure**: No Safeguards Would Protect Basic Liberties from an Article V Convention," Georgetown Law Professor David A. Super writes:

"...nothing in Article V assures that states will get to select the delegates to an Article V convention. The actual delegates may owe their positions to Congress or to the voters in a special election, not to the state legislatures. Such delegates would have little reason to bow to the wishes of the state legislature..." (pg. 6)

Or:

"Nothing about the idea of a "Convention for proposing Amendments," as provided for in Article V, limits the scope of the convention in any way. It is common in Congress and many state legislatures for the second chamber to consider a piece of legislation to "amend" the first chamber's bill by striking everything after the enacting clause and inserting an entirely new bill. A similar approach in an Article V convention – an amendment that rewrites everything after the preamble – would do nothing to preserve the rights and liberties that the current U.S. Constitution protects..." (pg. 7)

Or:

You might quote from Chief Justice Warren Burger's **LETTER** to Phyllis Schlafly dated June 22, 1988:

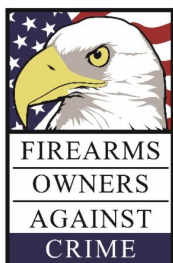
"...[T]here is no effective way to limit or muzzle the actions of a Constitutional Convention. The Convention could make its own rules and set its own agenda...After a Convention is convened, it will be too late to stop the Convention if we don't like its agenda..." Senate Democrats (21)—Dear Senator:

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