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Dear Legislator,

The Michigan Conservative Union (MCU) invites you and your constituents to a presentation to be held on the evenings of Aug. 17 (Lansing), Aug. 18 (Traverse City), or Aug. 19 (Macomb County) to discuss and answer questions regarding the dangers of Michigan's asking Congress to call a convention under Article V of the US Constitution.

We would also like to schedule a personal meeting with you to discuss this critical topic. As you may know, MCU scores legislators on their positions on asking Congress to call a convention under Article V. We hope that you will not only meet with us, but will also attend one of the information sessions.

Between 1901 and 2014, Michigan passed multiple applications asking Congress to call an Article V convention. Still another such application (**HJR E**) was introduced this legislative session. As you may know, Mark Meckler's "Convention of States" (COS) organization promises legislators that a convention can't run away, because Delegates can't stray from the topic of the application passed by the States.

But Meckler's assurances are false:

- 1. Legislation to call a convention recently introduced in Congress, <u>HCR 101</u>, doesn't specify amendments to be considered by delegates.
- 2. Furthermore, the phrase, "a convention for proposing Amendments", which appears in Article V, doesn't restrict Delegates to "proposing amendments". In <u>Federalist No. 40</u> (15th para), James Madison, a Delegate to the Federal Convention of 1787, invoked the "transcendent and precious right" of a People to throw off one government and set up a new one [this is set forth in our Declaration of Independence] as justification for the Delegates' ignoring their instructions to propose Amendments to the Articles of Confederation and instead writing a new Constitution (with an easier mode of ratification) which created a new form of government.

Note that Robert P. George, a Member of Meckler's "COS" Legal Advisory Board, has already co-authored a new Constitution which transfers massive new powers to a new federal government and imposes gun controls and red flag confiscations [link].

Please contact us for an appointment and/or to reserve a seat at our event. We appreciate your willingness to consider the dangers of an Article V Convention.

Sincerely yours,

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