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Congressman Luke Messer
508 Cannon House Office Building
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Re: The "Article V Records Transparency Act of 2016"

Dear Congressmen Messer:

I am strongly supportive of your effort to account for the many resolutions that have been passed by states calling on Congress to convene an Article V "proposing convention." As you recognize, this critical provision was meant by the Framers to give the states (and the people) their own opportunity to propose amendments to the Constitution. It was intended to give either the states or Congress the power to convene a "constitutional convention." Obviously, over many years, many states have tried to exercise that power reserved to them. A decent respect for federalism would support the idea that Congress properly account for those efforts. I am hopeful your bill will be enacted, so a complete picture can be drawn.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

With kind regards,



Lawrence Lessig