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May it please Chairman Goico and the members of this honorable committee:

I regret I am unable to appear in person to testify on a matter of such significance but hope you will accept this statement in lieu of my personal appearance.

It has been my honor and privilege to have represented the citizens of Oklahoma House District for eighteen years. I believe my primary responsibility under my oath of office and to the Constitution is to protect the liberties of the citizens from all infringements foreign and domestic.

I have seen a steady encroachment by the federal government on the sovereignty of the states and the liberties of the citizens. I have done all I can in Oklahoma to establish a bulwark against such infringements.

I believe that the passage of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 2012 is the most serious and direct attack I have seen on the Constitution and the liberty of the citizens by the federal government to date. It violates at least fourteen separate provisions of the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Our people carry with them everywhere they go in the world the rights, privileges and protections of citizens including as referenced in the Constitution. No legitimate government can declare war on its own citizens as has the federal government with the NDAA. No legitimate government can turn its own citizens over to "foreign governments" or "foreign entities" for "enhanced interrogation" i.e. torture as allowed by the NDAA.


The Constitution has a term for the act of citizen who fails in his/her duty of allegiance by taking up arms against the Republic, it is "treason". The Constitution also provides for a way to deal with such persons.

Nowhere in the Constitution does it give the Executive Branch the sole role of cop, judge jury and executioner over a traitor let alone one that is merely suspected of being such. Nowhere in the Constitution does it allow the Executive Branch to suspend the rights of a citizen under any circumstance let alone on the mere suspicion they are a "terrorist". Nowhere that I can find does the Constitution provide that the Executive Branch can unilaterally hand down and execute a death sentence on a U.S. citizen.

I introduced a resolution in Oklahoma to call the NDAA what it is and to stop its application in Oklahoma. (See the attached.) This is not a federal issue and it's not an Oklahoma issue. This is a constitutional issue that has dire implication for the Republic. It is in the states best interest to stand together when opposing such tyranny from the federal government.

I strongly urge you to support the favorable passage of HR6021 from this committee and to activity pursue its call to the floor. We as representatives of the people have no greater responsibility than in dealing with such infringements on their rights as posed by the NDAA.

Sincerely,


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