## TESTIMONY OF CHARLES BRUCE IN FAVOR OF HCR5027 KANSAS LEGISLATURE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS FEBRURAY 10. 2022

I am a life-long Kansan who is deeply concerned with the horrific events unfolding throughout our country. It's obvious to those who open their eyes that the impact of the ever-growing and power-grabbing hand of the Deep State fellow Kansan President Dwight D. Eisenhower highlighted in January 1961 has grown into an existential treat to all of us. The list of our institutions that once produced great men and women of character to lead our country have been taken over by the Deep State and turned against us. Our public education system is a miserable failure, our criminal justice system now rewards the bad guys and threatens the very safety of our citizens, our military has transformed from a fighting force to defend our democratic values, into a group of social justice warriors chasing the contrived narratives of climate change and systemic racism, and the list goes on and on. There is no institution that hasn't been compromised, and we the people know it.

We have lost faith in our government at all levels, but the damage is most acute at the federal level. The feckless political parties have no plan but to fight for power and the spoils of office with one party now doing the bidding for Xi Jinping and Vladimir Putin, apparently for personal financial gain. We need to call a Convention of States and start to take back control while we still can. Our Constitution provides us with a mechanism to rein in our out-of-control and unelected bureaucrats and their corrupt elected handlers through Article V of the Constitution. A Convention of States would enable us to establish badly-needed term limits, rein-in the out-of-control spending that has set us on the path to ruin, and stop the dangerous regulation of every facet of our lives designed to perpetuate the power of the ruling elites and consign us to serfdom and penury. We need a Convention of Sates, and we need it now!

The Kansas Legislature can pass HCR5027 and include Kansas in the growing list of states standing up for the American people. It's your constitutional duty to exercise Article V to stop our runaway national government. History may well note that failure of our state legislatures to act doomed the once great beacon of hope for freedom in the world. Now is the time for all good men to come to aid of their country!

Respectfully,

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