



TESTIMONY OF MICHAEL FARRIS, J.D.¹

PROPONENT FOR HB 2065

KANSAS HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS

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Chairman Kessler and Members of the Committee,

The bill before you today creates a framework for the Kansas State Legislature to choose and instruct its commissioners to an Article V convention for proposing amendments. I believe that our nation is approaching, in the near future, its first-ever Article V convention, and it is prudent for the state to put these procedures in place in advance.

I support this bill and would be happy to answer any questions the committee may have about Article V and its processes. Thank you for allowing me to testify today.

¹ Michael Farris is a Senior Advisor to Convention of States and co-founded the organization with Mark Meckler. He is largely known for his work in constitutional appellate litigation, religious freedom, and homeschool advocacy.

After years of success in the COS movement, God called Mike back to defending religious freedom, human life, and the family. In 2017, Mike left Convention of States for a time to serve as the President, CEO and General Counsel of Alliance Defending Freedom, the world's premiere defender of religious liberty.

Mike was the founding president of both the Home School Legal Defense Association and Patrick Henry College. He has served as lead counsel in the United States Supreme Court, eight federal circuit courts, and the appellate courts of 13 states.

Following five years of dedicated work with ADF, Mike returned to Convention of States to help push the Article V solution over the finish line. With his dignified commitment to liberty and preserving the fundamental rights of the Constitution, he joined the COS team again in 2023.

Mike and his wife Vickie have 10 children and many grandchildren.