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**From:** Monica Schaberg [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2024 10:23 PM  
**To:** Constitutional Convention Commission  
**Subject:** Please consider my opinion on the issue of a constitutional convention in Rhode Island

I am a voter who has voted in every election in RI since moving here in 1975.

I oppose the process of generating a constitutional convention for several reasons:

- Previous conventions in Rhode Island and nationally have been used to try to infringe basic rights for underrepresented minority groups as well as marginalized groups.
- we should be using ballot referenda to effect change in state governance; Rhode Island voters are very good at voting on referendum questions. Allowing the voters to make decisions about governance is more democratic than allowing a constitutional convention to be swayed by outside money and interest groups.
- The whole process is very costly, money which could be spent more profitably elsewhere, e.g. Educating potential voters about how they can change government by getting involved and voting.

Respectfully submitted.

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