



CONVENTION of STATES ACTION

The Problem

Our nation is in peril. The public widely believes that America is headed in the wrong direction. They believe the future prospects are troubling, not only for this generation but for generations to come. The monstrous federal debt, the power grabs of the federal courts, and the escalating power of an irresponsible centralized government could ultimately result in the financial ruin of generations of Americans.

The Solution

Our current situation is precisely what the Founders feared. They knew the federal government might one day become drunk with power, so they gave us a solution in Article V of the U.S. Constitution.

Article V says that upon successful 'application' by 34 states, the states can convene a Convention of States to propose constitutional amendments. Under the Convention of States Project resolution, these amendments would be limited to imposing fiscal restraints on the federal government, limiting the power of the federal government, and mandating term limits. This would allow proposed amendments that limit executive orders, federal spending and taxation, and terms of office for Congress and the Supreme Court. What kind of amendments would you propose?

These amendments only become part of the Constitution after they are ratified by 38 states, rendering the "runaway convention" objection virtually unthinkable. When 38 states agree on something, it's not a runaway — it's a mandate!

The Strategy

Two goals separate our plan from all other Article V organizations:

1. We want to call a convention for a particular subject rather than a particular amendment. Calling a convention for a balanced budget amendment (though we are entirely supportive of such an amendment), addresses only one of a number of issues. The Convention of States Application allows for multiple Amendments to be considered for the purpose of limiting the power and jurisdiction of the federal government. This will allow for the states to provide a solution as big as the problem in D.C.

2. We believe the grassroots is the key to calling a successful convention. The goal is to build a political operation in a minimum of 40 states, getting 100 people to volunteer in at least 75% of the state's legislative districts. We believe this is very doable. But only through the support of the American people will this project have a chance to succeed.

Join Us

The movement is spreading. Millions of Americans — along with thought leaders and members of the media — are joining the Convention of States Project as endorsers, supporters, and volunteers. Visit COSAction.com to sign our petition and tell your legislators you support this last, best chance to restore liberty in America.



"State-led push to force convention to amend Constitution gains steam, with high-profile Republican support"



"I have wholeheartedly endorsed the Convention of States Project."



"Using the Constitution to Save the Constitution."



"Coburn: A Convention of States can restore our Constitution"



"U. S. Term Limits Endorses the Convention of States Project"



"Convention of States Trying to Unleash Power of Citizenry"



"States rise up against Washington"



Endorsements

Sean Hannity

"I'm a big supporter of [a Convention of States]. I like what you're doing. I hope you get it accomplished."



Mark Levin

"I have whole-heartedly endorsed the Convention of States Project. I serve on its Legal Board of Reference because they propose a solution as big as the problem."



Senator Ron Johnson

"[Our nation's] problems are not going to be solved in Washington D.C.... We've got to take the power back. I can't think of a better way of doing it [than Convention of States], because Washington is not going to give up power."



Senator Tom Coburn

"There is not enough political will in Washington to fix the real problems facing the country. It's time for the people to take back their country. The plan put forth by Convention of States is a great way to do just that by using the process the Founders gave us for reining in the federal government."



Governor Bobby Jindal

"We can, and we must scale back the monstrosity that our federal government has become. For this reason, I support the Convention of States project efforts to call an Article V convention to propose amendments to restrain the size of the federal government."



Colonel Allen West

"Thank goodness the founders had the wisdom to provide us with Article V of the Constitution. I support the efforts to gather a constitutional Convention of States consistent with Article V and honoring the 10th Amendment."



Senator Marco Rubio

"We need term limits and a balanced budget amendment, and Congress is never going to give it to us. That's why I support an Article V Convention of States."



Sarah Palin

"[A Convention of States] is really the last recourse of the citizens to rein in D.C. and restore our country to a constitutionally limited federal government."



Governor Greg Abbott

"I want legislation authorizing Texas to join other states in calling for a Convention of States to fix the cracks in our broken Constitution."



Mike Huckabee

"I have reviewed their plan and it is both innovative and realistic. I urge you to join me in supporting the Convention of States Project."

