

Fighting to Preserve Our American Republic

Abraham Lincoln once said *"This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it."* Many Americans feel that President Lincoln's comments directly apply to today's federal government which many consider is far too powerful, corrupt, and frequently out of touch with the great bulk of the American population. As Texas Governor Greg Abbott, Senator Tom Coburn, presidential candidate Marco Rubio, and other notables have recently stated, it is time for the state legislatures to use their authority in Article V of the Constitution to propose critically needed amendments. These amendments would be the type that the entrenched political elites and special interest groups in Washington, DC, would never propose or support. The proposed amendments could include 1) an amendment requiring the federal government to finally operate on a bona fide balanced budget and cease borrowing huge sums of money; and 2) an amendment limiting the total years of service to 12-15 years that a member of Congress or the federal judiciary can serve; and 3) an amendment allowing a super majority of state legislatures to override a financially or otherwise onerous federal regulation, policy, or court decision. The Constitution allows for 2/3 of the state legislatures to propose amendments via a Convention of States, and it is high time they did so! In this regard, Americans are encouraged to learn about and support the efforts of the Convention of States Project at www.conventionofstates.com.

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