

*By Kansas Coalitions Director, Michael Pochek*

Dear Editor,

There's been quite a bit of talk about an Article V Convention of States lately, and rightly so. The Founders knew the Constitution might have to change. For this reason, they provided two ways Constitutional amendments can be proposed and ratified: first, through Congress and second, through the States.

Unfortunately, the federal government has departed from these prescribed amendment procedures. Instead of using one of these processes, Washington, primarily through the Supreme Court, has decided which parts of the Constitution need to be changed—or, as they call it, “interpreted.” Our government has interpreted specific constitutional clauses as “living” in order to advance its interests, a separation from the original charter of our national government.

It is logical to assume that Washington, D.C., will not limit its own power and bound its own jurisdiction. This is precisely why there are *two* paths to amend the Constitution. The second path—amendments through the states – assumes that elected federal officials do not align themselves with the will of the people. Recent Congressional approval ratings are around 9%; how clear can it be that they are operating on their own interests? It is time that the people of the United States of America act on their opinion of Congress. It is time that the scale of power be balanced and brought more in line with a civil society - where the individual has more authority over their own lives.

There is such an organization that believes in those same virtues. Citizens for Self-Governance is a national organization that has started a project to bring about the limitation of federal authority. The Convention of States Project has formed state leadership teams to energize citizens at the state level, and the great state of [Your State] has a leadership team in place to spearhead this movement. To get involved visit our website, [conventionofstates.com](http://conventionofstates.com) and our Facebook page, [Facebook.com/conventionofstates](https://www.facebook.com/conventionofstates). You can also contact [Your State]'s COS state leadership at [Your State Leadership's Email].

The true power lies with us - the greatest expression of human freedom, The United States of America, will persevere because together our country can be restored to glory. It starts in [Your State]!

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