

## How States Can Empower Themselves

### To safely propose an individual Amendment to the Constitution

- Pass a state law to recall delegates from the state who ignore state instructions to limit a Convention to 1 amendment.
- Amend the state constitution to bar ratification in that state of any amendment from a runaway convention.
- Pass Article V resolutions in 34 states that force Congress to propose a specific Amendment to avoid having to call a Convention.

“It (the Constitution) equally enables the general and the State governments to originate the amendment of efforts, as they may be pointed out by the experience of one side of the other.”

—James Madison

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## *States Can Stop Washington Regulators!*

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## **EMPOWER STATES TO REIN IN WASHINGTON REGULATORS!**

Our Founders recognized that a federal government left unchecked would threaten Americans' freedom and prosperity.

That is exactly what is happening today with the overreaching regulations pouring out of Washington.

**It is time to restore the balance.**

If empowered by new state "10th Amendment laws, 2/3 of the states could safely force the Congress to propose a specific Amendment that would limit regulators' powers.

### **The 10th Amendment Law**

A "10th Amendment Law", similar to one just signed by Indiana Governor Mike Pence, would implement the 10th Amendment power of states to limit the authority of any delegates that state might send to an Article V Convention and to replace and punish any delegate who violates the law.

### **The Regulation Freedom Amendment**

*"Whenever one quarter of the Members of the U.S. House or the U.S. Senate transmit to the President their written declaration of opposition to a proposed federal regulation, it shall require a majority vote of the House and Senate to adopt that regulation."*

With enforceable limits on the scope of an Article V Convention, states would be able to force Congress to choose between calling a Convention or proposing the specific Amendment States want. Forced to make a choice, Congress has always chosen to propose the Amendment and AVOID a Convention.

The 10th Amendment Law, if passed in a majority of states with a majority of the population, would end the risk of a "runaway convention" and help restore the balance of state and federal power intended by the Framers of our Constitution.

### **Who Favors Empowering the States to Propose a Specific Amendment?**

Supporters of empowering the states to propose specific Amendments include former Comptroller General of the U.S. **David M. Walker**, former House Appropriations Chair **Bob Livingston**, current and former American Conservative Union Chairs **Al Cardenas** and **David Keene**, Americans for Tax Reform Chair **Grover Norquist**, and Parental Rights.Org Chair **Mike Farris**.

## *Join Us!*

**Contact the Madison Coalition today and help rein in Washington**

**YES**, I support the Regulation Freedom Amendment to require that Congress approve major new federal regulations.

**YES**, I support passage of a 10th Amendment state law to empower 2/3 of the states to force Congress to propose a specific Amendment those states want.



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