



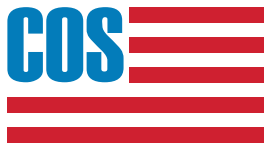
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RECLAIMING LIBERTY



Impact Report
SUMMER 2020



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2020 has already been quite a year. We launched with a bang, with fast movement in legislatures across the country. It looked like a banner year for self-governance. And then...well, you know. The reaction to the Chinese coronavirus shut down the country, along with many state legislatures.

In the midst of all of this, we have continued to push against tyranny. We started with the COS Serves initiative, reaching out to our volunteers across the country to make sure they were okay, and helping where we could. Then it was on to the state legislatures, making sure we were there for both our legislators and their families, and to all those in the districts, building upon our relationships and helping as needed.

As the shutdown extended and the mandates became excessive, COS activists felt compelled to act. Because of the nimbleness of our organization, we were able to launch OpenTheStates.com. Our censorship-free platform gave patriots and business owners a way to organize and resist the overarching tyranny of governors and mayors. And we achieved major victories along the way, causing terrible governors like Michigan's Gov. Whitmer and California's Gov. Newsom to back down more rapidly than they otherwise would have done.

Our activists not only fought back against the shutdowns, but they simultaneously campaigned for COS champions in primary races... and won! In fact, our activists took advantage of the shutdown to grow the grassroots, strengthen legislator relations, and secure the seats of our legislative champions.

Not even a global pandemic could stop the COS grassroots from fighting for freedom. As states reconvene and return from recess, we're positioned well.

Legislative victories are exciting, but we're just as excited about the heart and soul of our movement: the grassroots. Our victories prove that this army of self-governing citizens can win any fight for freedom from coast to coast and have a major impact in the 2020 election.

I've prepared this Impact Report for you to see the efforts and the victories that we accomplished over the first and second quarters of the year. Just as we committed to serving Americans during the shutdown, we remain dedicated to building the largest grassroots army of engaged activists in the nation as we call America's first Article V Convention of States, together.

For Liberty,



Mark Meckler
President, Convention of States

STATE^{OF}THE STATES

The Convention of States movement has taken the nation by storm – and there’s no sign of slowing down. Here is a glimpse into some of our outcomes early in this year:

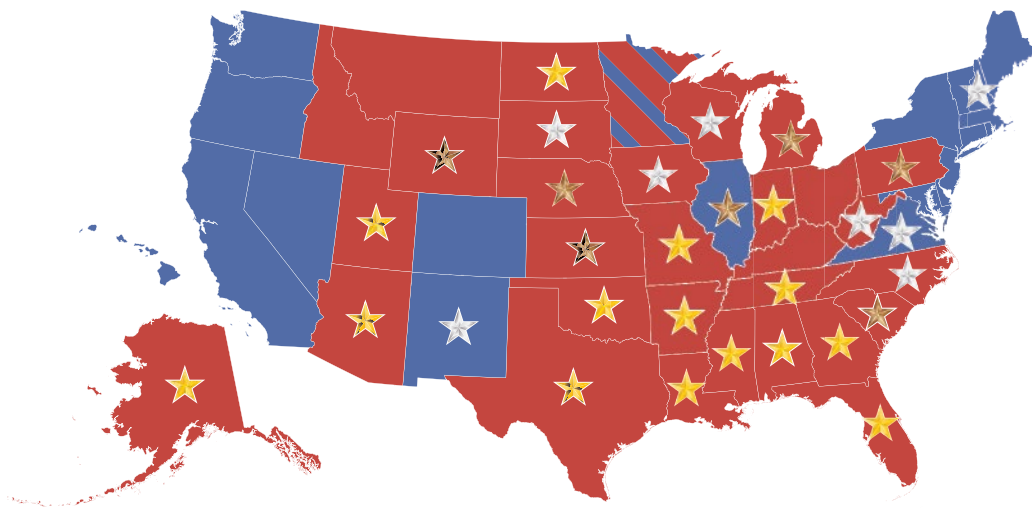
Wisconsin: Our resolution was reported favorably from an assembly committee on a 5-2 vote, and it then passed the full assembly with an overwhelmingly positive

to pass our resolution violates the U.S. Constitution. Our efforts have secured a clear path for the COS passage with a simple majority vote.

Nebraska: As our resolution was being assigned to the Committee on Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs in this unicameral legislature, we secured 16 co-sponsors to champion the COS resolution!

currently pending floor votes, after passing through committees in both chambers.

South Carolina: A special ad hoc committee in the SC House recently held two public hearings on our resolution after 47 co-sponsors signed on to the COS resolution in the house and 20 co-sponsors in the senate. Our grassroots supporters showed up in a big way, filling the hearing room



MAP LEGEND

- PASSED COS RESOLUTION (15 STATES)
- PASSED LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER (23 STATES)
- PASSED COMMITTEE HEARING (30 STATES)
- REPUBLICAN CONTROLLED LEGISLATURE
- DEMOCRAT CONTROLLED LEGISLATURE
- DIVIDED CHAMBER LEGISLATURE

60-38 vote. On the senate side, we secured a favorable report in committee with a 3-2 vote. The last step is a senate floor vote for complete passage of the resolution.

Michigan: Our resolution is pending a hearing in the Senate Committee on Government Operations. Speaker of the House Lee Chatfield is one of our strongest champions, and we believe Michigan will be #16!

Kansas: The Kansas Attorney General recently issued a decision finding the Kansas constitution’s requirement of a 2/3s majority vote

New Jersey: The NJ COS team is incredibly active! Our resolution is presently pending in both chambers of the New Jersey legislature.

Ohio: Our resolution is sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Matt Huffman and is awaiting its hearing in the Senate Committee on General Government and Agency Review. As it moves to the house, the committee whip count is looking strong for COS as well!

Pennsylvania: We have 25 house co-sponsors and 6 senate co-sponsors--including Democrats among each--and our resolution is

and the overflow room to capacity! The House Judiciary Committee passed our resolution 14-9, and the next step is the house floor vote.

The COVID-19 crisis hasn’t stopped our volunteers and supporters from being active and engaged in their state legislatures. We’ve filed the Convention of States Resolution in **49 states**. **Thirty** have passed our resolution through at least one committee, **23 states** have passed it through at least one full chamber, and **15** have passed it through the entire legislature (see map).

COS SERVES

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, we knew we couldn't sit on the sidelines. While other organizations may have been "in the fog," we knew that we could not rest.

After the first week of the shutdown, we launched COS Serves to give our volunteers the strategy and online tools they needed to reach out to their state legislators during the pandemic. Our three-

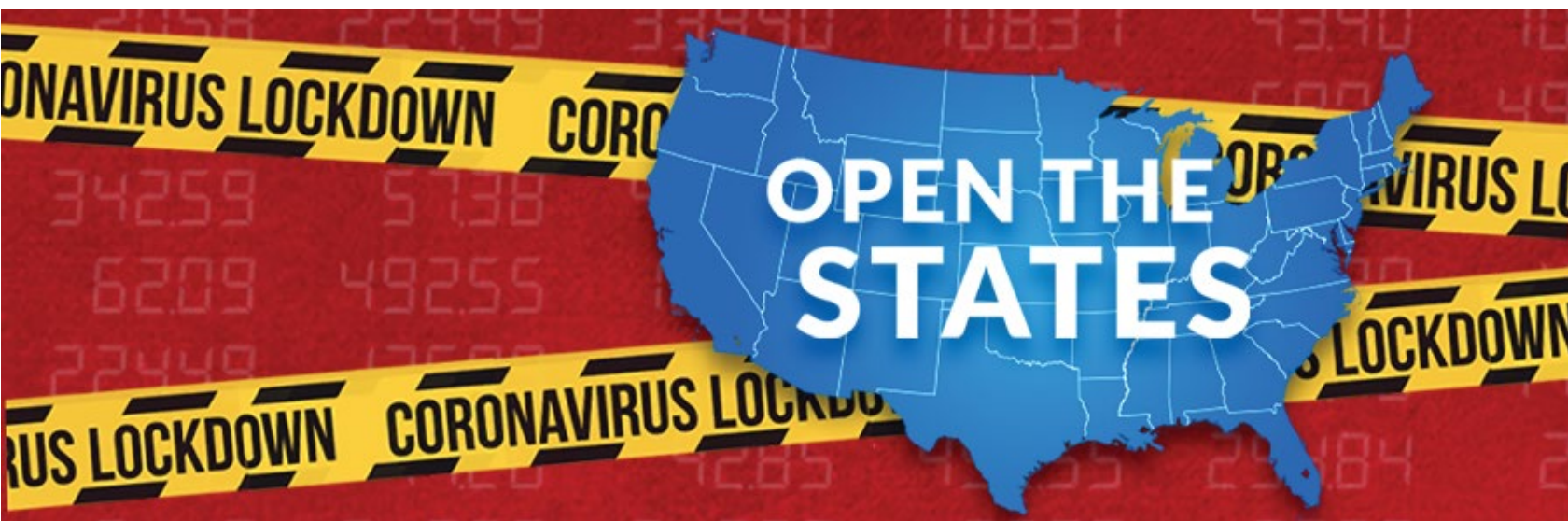
stage plan was designed to build strategic alliances with our state legislators and serve our communities.

Step 1: Check in on legislators, their staff and their families to strengthen relationships.

Step 2: Let legislators know that we wanted to work together to serve the citizens in our district during the shutdown.

Step 3: Encourage legislators not to cede their power but work with our teams to elevate local governance and decision-making during the pandemic (and push back on governors where necessary).

This initiative strengthened our legislative relations and created goodwill within our districts for Convention of States.



RECLAIMING LIBERTY

INSIDE THE EFFORT TO OPEN THE STATES

In the early days of the pandemic, the Convention of States Project watched with concern as government officials enacted broad, stringent, and arbitrary executive orders. In response to growing government encroachment with no end in sight, we launched the initiative—Open the States.

As the only grassroots organization with supporters in every state house district in America, we have a unique opportunity – and responsibility – to galvanize our supporters to take a stand for freedom and push against tyranny.

Our grassroots army was not built just to call the convention and to ensure the proper kind of amendments are proposed and ratified, but to hold the line of liberty forevermore. However, this fight to open the states required us to hold the line of liberty at the state level much earlier than originally

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planned. In a matter of days, we were able to launch OpentheStates.com and push back with state-specific strategies to address draconian mandates.

Over 3 million Americans engaged with us online using tools such as our petition to get in touch with their elected officials. Our censorship-free forums became a central hub and allowed Americans to learn about the latest reopen news and reopen rallies taking place in their states.

Our efforts pushed back the tyranny in states across the country. Here are a few highlights:

In **Texas**, our work led directly to the release and vindication of salon owner Shelley Luther. Luther had been jailed for opening her salon too early, but Convention of States Action President Mark Meckler personally helped organize a rally on her behalf. Within hours of the rally, Governor Greg Abbott had stepped in and Luther was released from jail and salons re-opened across the state.

In **California**, our work pushed Gov. Newsom to relinquish control to the localities, which led to the re-opening of the state. The Reopen

Washington state capitol building.



San Diego group, aided by Open the States, staged a 2,500-person rally in defiance of the city health officials' draconian stay-at-home orders. The council voted 4-1 to ask Gov. Newsom to give San Diego local control, and within days the city had reopened.

In **Michigan**, our partnerships with allies in the state legislature, along with petitions sent by COS activists, lifted the travel ban, ended the motorboat restriction, and jump-started the reopen process. We partnered with our legislative sponsors to push back against Gov. Whitmer's tyrannical orders, as Mark organized business owners across the state. Our OpentheStates.com forum also gave the reopen movement a way to communicate after Facebook shut down their group with hundreds of thousands of members.

It didn't take long for the leftist media to notice who was behind the movement to open the states. They predictably began to attack, referring to us as a "nimble online outfit." They underestimated our well-networked organization of grassroots activists who have been trained, educated and deployed in every state. Once in a while our opposition gets it right, and they were right to notice our ability to pivot quickly to address tyranny.

We always knew that the self-governing army of Convention of States patriots would be called to respond to different kinds of threats to liberty. Their mettle was tested in the Open the States movement, and they emerged victorious.

Now, they stand ready and equipped to push back against tyranny at all levels of government.

Hundreds rallied at the Pennsylvania state capitol in their cars and on the steps outside the building.



GROWING GRASSROOTS THROUGH DIGITAL ACTIVISM

Activist Engagement Tops the Charts

The past three months have seen tremendous grassroots growth with record high numbers in recruitment, training, and activation of new activists. The Open the States initiative engaged new citizens and incorporated them into our flagship project

What's more, this week we reached 1,400 District Captains strategically located where we need them most! In the past eight weeks, state teams have added an astounding 96 active District Captains and 155 active leaders to our state teams.

earlier this year, and it quickly became one of the most popular podcasts in the nation alongside shows like Sean Hannity and Mark Levin. Tens of thousands of people have downloaded the podcast worldwide, and our numbers continue to grow.

SKYROCKETING DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT

COS compared to other political organizations.



WEEKLY ENGAGEMENT	ENGAGEMENT RATIO
2.5 million	125%



WEEKLY ENGAGEMENT	ENGAGEMENT RATIO
740k	30%



WEEKLY ENGAGEMENT	ENGAGEMENT RATIO
398k	19%



WEEKLY ENGAGEMENT	ENGAGEMENT RATIO
210.1k	5%

to call America's first Article V Convention of States. These activists were a natural fit in the fight for self-governance: they felt compelled to resist tyranny as it encroached upon their lives and the livelihood of their fellow citizens.

This growth led to a key milestone for COS by surpassing **1.6 million petition signatures and 4.5 million supporters and volunteers.** These petitions are a key tool for our legislative strategy. On average, we now see **1,200 new petition signers a day.**

Our momentum has compelled state teams to vie for top growth in the nation. Our recent tracking reports indicated a record 23 state teams have 100% engagement among all District Captains. Meanwhile, **COS University now has more than 2,200 students enrolled.**

As the world moves online, the Convention of States Project is leading the charge.

We launched *The Mark Meckler Show* podcast, MarkMeckler.com

Our Facebook page generates a consistent weekly engagement ratio that is up to **ten times higher** than similar organizations (see chart). This ratio is based on each digital activist's online engagement. The **Convention of States Facebook page surpassed 7.7 million total engagements** in April 2020—a 320% increase over April of last year. Almost 100,000 new activists engaged online since January 1st, and our website traffic has increased by 863% during that same time.

We're in a prime position to catapult the COS movement through the 2020's with a strong online presence and robust growth across demographics—including young people.



We have longed to take the fight beyond the state legislature to defeat our opposition in the primary and general elections. However, as a nonprofit, we must use our time, efforts, and resources wisely during legislative sessions to secure the vote on COS. With legislatures on recess due to COVID, we quickly pivoted our efforts towards securing the seats of COS champions and removing the opposition during this primary season.

Based on the candidate surveys we conducted, COS volunteers championed candidates who supported COS and ousted candidates who insisted on maintaining the status quo in D.C.

In North Carolina, our volunteers visited polling stations with palm cards encouraging voters to vote for our lead sponsor, Representative Dennis Riddell, just moments before they entered the voting booths. The card called

CHAMPIONING THE CHAMPIONS (AND BOOTING OUT THE BUMS!)

Rep. Riddell a “proven fighter for limited government” and outlined his support for the Convention of States initiative.

Rep. Riddell won in a landslide!

In Ohio, our volunteers conducted candidate surveys to determine each candidate’s position on Convention of States. After compiling the data and summarizing each candidate’s position, they launched a block-walking project to encourage citizens to vote. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, they quickly pivoted their efforts to phone banking.

Those efforts paid off. By targeting competitive races, they made a difference in the hottest races in the state to secure seats for Convention of States supporters.

In South Carolina, our volunteers engaged in phone banking and candidate surveys as well. Polling was conducted to identify competitive races, and ads were run against anti-Article V legislators. In one race, it looked like one of our opponents was going to win, but telephone banking, ads, and direct mail campaigns won the seat for one of our key champions. The seat of every COS legislative sponsor was secured and opposition was ousted!

We plan to continue empowering our volunteers to engage in primary races and the general election, so that we can champion the champions – and boot out the bums! – once and for all as we call a Convention of States together.



We’re calling all patriots to stand.

We’ll never kneel to any human, group, politician, or agenda. We’d rather die on our feet than live on our knees.

But an overreaching Supreme Court and a corrupt Congress have crippled American liberty. They’ve enriched themselves while jeopardizing the futures of our children and grandchildren.

Fortunately, the Founders gave us a way to stand and fight. Article

V of the Constitution allows the states to call a Convention of States to propose constitutional amendments.

Now is the time to stand for our country and for freedom.

We stand for a limited federal government. We stand for term limits, and for a Congress that is fiscally responsible.

We will not kneel... WE WILL STAND. Will you stand with us?

Your support fuels our efforts at: COS Action, 5850 San Felipe Suite 580 Houston, TX 77057, www.conventionofstates.com (512)487-5525 markmeckler@conventionofstates.com

REMEMBERING AN AMERICAN STATESMAN

by Mark Meckler

ON MARCH 28, 2020 the nation lost its greatest living statesman: a father, grandfather, husband, and a great friend of the Republic—US Senator, Dr. Tom Coburn.

When asked why he left the Senate early to become the Senior Advisor to Convention of States (COS) he responded: “After many years in Washington, one of the reasons I left was because I no longer believe that Washington is capable of reining itself in... the only avenue to change is the one given to us by our Founders in the Constitution- an Article V Convention of States, where the people, not the politicians, are in charge.”

He often referred to his work with COS as, “the most important work of my lifetime.”

Senator Coburn served alongside us for the last 5 years of his life, right up until he passed. In honor of his memory, COS Action and the COS Foundation have launched legacy programs in his name to complete the most important work of his life by calling an Article V Convention of States.



US SENATOR TOM COBURN

TOM COBURN
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COS Action, a 501(c)(4) non-profit, will continue the initiatives developed under Dr. Coburn’s leadership including...

Proven Legislative Strategies - Executing state strategies based on legislative calendars, committee assignments, and whip counts from all 50 states.

Recruiting Campaigns - Recruiting and deploying activists from every district.

Voter Outreach Program - Conducting voter outreach in key districts.

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LEGACY FUND
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Convention of States Foundation, a 501(c)(3) tax-deductible non-profit, is proud to announce The Tom Coburn Legacy Fund for Constitutional Education.

Tom was a visionary who dreamed of a day when all Americans understood their constitutional right to impose fiscal restraints on Congress, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for members of Congress and its officials. He knew this could only be done through calling an Article V Convention of States.

The Tom Coburn Legacy Fund for Constitutional Education seeks to heighten awareness of the Convention of States movement and provide training to millions of Americans.

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