



## The Case for an Article V Convention of States

Time is running out. Rather than safeguarding the blessings of liberty for future generations, the federal government is incurring debt that soon will enslave our heirs. It also is seizing power from the states and taking liberty from the people. It's time American citizens take a stand and make a legitimate effort to curb the power and jurisdiction of the federal government. This is not a partisan issue. The U.S. national debt has doubled in less than 10 years to more than \$22 trillion – under Democrat *and* Republican administrations. Unless a force outside of Washington, D.C. intervenes, the federal government soon will bankrupt this nation. Fortunately, the Founders of the United States offered a solution to resolve such abuses of power. The solution – an Article V Convention of States – uses power granted to the states in the U.S. Constitution along with grassroots citizen involvement. Under Article V, U.S. citizens have the Constitutional right to debate and impose a complete package of restraints on the misuse of power by all branches of the federal government. The time to invoke Article V of the U.S. Constitution is now.

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### Federal Abuse of Power: 4 Current Examples

The following abuses are not just instances of bad federal governmental policy. They are driving us toward an age of oppression – a 'soft tyranny' – in which the federal government guides, shapes and controls the will of the people.

- 1. Deficit Spending** – Last year's \$21.6 trillion national debt is staggering. Yet by standard accounting practices, the actual figure owed by the federal government is much higher – approximately \$100+ trillion more in vested Social Security benefits and other programs. It's inconceivable the federal government can tax its way out of this much debt.
- 2. Regulatory Overreach** – Businesses today operate under complex, conflicted, and often crushing regulatory burdens imposed by the federal government. When agencies enact law, rather than Congress, there is little accountability.
- 3. Congressional Attacks on State Sovereignty** – Federal government respect of the states as independent republican governments has eroded drastically. By using only partially funded grants combined with federal mandates, Congress exerts control over states – making state legislatures regional congressional agencies.
- 4. Federal Takeover of the Decision-Making Process** – The Founders believed liberty requires strict adherence to limited and delegated power. Yet collusion among decision-makers in Washington, D.C., has replaced the U.S. Constitution's system of checks and balances, as well as shared powers. The result is an ever-escalating attack on the decision-making process and the authority of all 50 states.