

## Welcome Letter for Veterans for COS

Dear Veteran,

Thank you for your service to our country, and thank you for continuing that service through your involvement with the Convention of States Project. **You** are crucial to its ultimate success. Many state lawmakers have indicated that of all the different constituency groups that come to see them, military veterans are at the “top of the pile.” Legislators respect you. They are willing to listen to your concerns and then act on them. Therefore, your active support for COS Project is extremely valuable.

As United States military veterans, each of us took a lifelong oath to “support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic,” and to “bear true faith and allegiance to the same.” Today, the greatest threat to our Constitution is a highly-centralized federal government that regularly exceeds the limitations of its specifically enumerated constitutional powers, thereby invading the jurisdiction of the states, infringing upon the people’s liberty, and threatening our country with financial disaster.

Washington, D.C. requires major, meaningful reforms. These reforms will only come from the outside, i.e., outside of Congress and the political establishment in Washington. This is why the Convention of States Project is essential to the survival of our constitutional republic. The use of Article V of our Constitution to propose many needed amendments and send them to the states for ratification is the only *peaceful* way to achieve the needed reforms.

We are asking all veterans to stand up for true liberty--the kind of liberty that our Founders envisioned for America. Thank you for joining this worthy cause, an essential endeavor for America’s future!



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