

Platform for Liberty

An Agenda for Legislative Action

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We, the People of the United States, over-burdened, over-regulated and over-taxed by both state and federal governments, hereby offer to our respective state legislative Assemblies and local officials a plan we have developed for the restoration of liberty within these States of our American Union. We expect public servants to, in fact, represent us. These are our wishes. All other business of our respective States and communities notwithstanding, this **Platform for Liberty** is to receive top priority. This platform may be adopted, and/or endorsed, by both existing elected officials, and candidates for elective office in upcoming local, state and national political campaigns. The expectation is that those sworn to uphold the respective state and federal constitutions will act accordingly. Those who do not appropriately represent both the people and their respective constitutions will be replaced, at our first electoral opportunity, with someone who will.

State Sovereignty. Assorted resolutions in various states have, over the years, attempted to re-assert the limits on the federal government delineated by the 9th and 10th Amendments to the Federal Constitution. It is high time that more than mere "memorial resolutions" be considered by our state assemblies to achieve this goal. All areas of legislation not *specifically relinquished* by the states to the federal government are off limits for federal encroachment. Furthermore, all those things *expected and required* of the federal government which are not being properly performed (protection from invasion, honest money system, etc.) must come to fruition. Appropriate legislation in these areas has been, and will continue to be, developed.

Paper Ballots - As used in state and federal constitutions, the word "ballot" means a "paper ticket" on which votes are recorded, and likewise both the Constitutions and laws of our states require that ballots be counted in public. No representative of the people sees the counting of electronic ballots, and there is no appropriate paper trail left behind to verify the accuracy of any election taken via electronic means. As confidence in the electoral system is the cornerstone of our republic, all actions required to restore accountability in our elections must be attended to immediately. We must return to paper ballots counted in public.

On the Record Voting (Roll Call) - The constitutions and laws of our states have historically required that all votes of our Assemblies be recorded, yet modern practices have circumvented the ability of the public to be aware of how their representatives actually use their Assembly suffrage. Therefore, Assembly practices or rules must be abolished that preclude roll call tabulation on all bills, amendments, and other pertinent activities of our Representatives and Senators.

Legal Money - Our U.S. Constitution only authorizes Congress to "coin" (used as a verb in Art. 1 § 8) money. It also declares that "No state shall make anything but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts" (Art. 1 § 10). It is time to hold our states, and the federal government, to this mandate.

Model legislation has been drafted to prevent the acceptance of any "federal money" not tendered in gold and silver coin. Other models have been drafted to begin collecting silver and gold under the taxation powers of the State. These actions would begin the flow of wealth toward our state treasuries, prevent total bankruptcy of our states, and stabilize the economies of our states generally.

A full-spectrum audit of all the Federal Reserve *Corporation's* activities, assets, etc. is also warranted.

Intrastate Commerce Freedom - Legislation from this angle would affirm federal limits on commerce done completely within the borders of the individual states. This would move the Federal Government back into the confines outlined by U. S. Constitution, and curtail abuses from the ICC, FTC, DOC, and other federal agencies.

U.S. Senate Accountability - Model legislation has been drafted to require that the U.S. Senators must report to the General Assembly each year to receive directives from the State on their voice in the Federal legislature, and also provides a method for them to be removed from office when they do not represent the wishes of the Assembly. Asserting State sovereignty means reigning in the U.S. Senate.

Religious Liberty. Many Americans with "non-main-stream" religious beliefs are currently being denied

the basic rights, privileges and immunities enjoyed by other citizens, or are compelled to choose between their faith & “rules of society” (compulsory vaccinations, photos on licenses, etc.) The model “Common Rights of Man” legislation addresses these abuses of state power in a manner non-offensive to all citizens, regardless of theological leaning. A second model touches on subjects of taxation where theology and public policy collide.

Family Farm Protection. The basic ability of any person to grow their own food is being increasingly encroached upon by corporate and federal interests. Model state legislation denying any federal or corporate requirements on family farms (mandatory chipping/identification of farm animals, etc.) is ready for introduction. It is called the “No Chippin’ Chickens Act.”

Personal Privacy. A collection of model legislation has been drafted to address the combined federal/corporate attacks on individual privacy. Considerations such as “biometric data collection” by assorted agencies, inserting RFID or GPS tracking “chips” into human bodies or ID cards, corporate capturing and use of data, and related privacy concerns are addressed in several model bills * known as the “People’s Privacy Package.” These bills are endorsed across the left-to-right political spectrum. May I see your papers, please? NOT in America!

- * Prohibiting the use of SSN’s on state forms.
- * Prohibiting the implantation of any RFID devices under the skin of a human being.
- * Prohibiting any business from capturing data stored on driving licenses, etc.
- * Stopping the collection of biometric data, photos, etc. by state agencies.

Parental Rights. The abuse of powers currently being practiced by such state agencies as “Child Services” or “Social Services” (or as they may be named in assorted jurisdictions) is beyond anything a tyrant European king could have mustered. It is time to reign in these abuses with a state constitutional amendment prohibiting “kidnaping” under color of law.

State Licensing. The American Revolution was largely fought over the “licensing” of assorted occupations and other gratuities, franchises & corporations by kings of England. Today, the “nanny state” even licenses teen aged children who wish to baby-sit. The situation is beyond ridiculous. The entire scope of licensing occupations and other inalienable rights, while desirable to tyrants, has no place in America. Dramatically restructuring the licensing powers of our states will have a salutary influence on our states’ economies, and provide incentive for creativity in the pursuit of happiness.

Where “proficiency” testing is desirable (such as operating equipment, etc.), it would be preferable for the private sector to “self regulate” and certify proficiency.

Downsizing Government. In an era of personal “belt tightening” it is only logical that an extensive reduction in the size of both federal and state governments are warranted. Most federal agencies, boards, commissions, and executive departments *established after 1820* are prime targets for elimination. State agencies should be similarly reviewed by *independent citizen boards* appointed for the task. The boards would examine agencies for conformity to state constitutional requirements. Those not passing muster should be eliminated as soon as practical.

2nd Amendment Issues. Passage of a collection of model legislation pertaining to the right to keep and bear arms is a high priority. Several of these breach the opening into the law enforcement powers of both states and county sheriffs, and are in conformity to the original intent of the Constitutions (state and federal) where militia and posse powers are involved. No “grants” from the U.S. Department of Justice need to be accepted by our states to provide adequate police protection to our people. Furthermore, model legislation protecting firearms *manufactured within a state* from federal regulation is necessary, and has been drafted.

OTHER. While extensive, this list is by no means to be considered all inclusive. Other areas of legislative interest to the people, designed to protect individual liberties from encroachment by various levels of government, should be considered when proposed by the people.

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Every Tues. @ 7:30 p.m. Eastern time
724-444-7444 (14259# access code)
All are welcome to learn about legislative activities!

In many cases, the topics discussed in this brochure have multiple items of specifically targeted legislation either already prepared, or under construction in assorted states. Copies of model legislation (where available) may be obtained from the “Documents” page of www.nvcca.net. In addition, there may be one or more “issue briefs” and/or videos produced for explaining in detail the reasons for needing the legislation, peripheral subjects that touch on the main topic, etc. Some of the videos are tailored specifically toward state legislators, and others are “general public” in their scope. (This helps activists, because our NVCCA personnel cannot physically meet with each of the 10,000+ state legislators in America – but videos geared to them can be easily distributed!) These videos may be viewed on the “Media” page of www.nvcca.net and may also be ordered, in quantity sufficient for distribution to elected officials & candidates, by directing an e-mail to dwaine@bcm.in.us or by visiting <http://feettothefire.us>