



CONVENTION *of* STATES ACTION

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Rules and Executive Nominations Committee
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Dear Madam Chairman,

My name is Matt Rehberg. I am a resident of Anne Arundel County, and a constituent of District 33. I turn 40 years old this Wednesday and I have never voted in an election. I am active duty Navy and have been serving as a submarine officer for nearly 17 years, and never felt informed enough to make an educated decision on who to vote for. I am now a military professor at the Naval Academy with three years until retirement and am exploring all options for my next career, which includes running for political office, but frankly, for the longest time I didn't even know if I was a republican or a democrat. I have a wife and two daughters, ages 6 (going on 16) and 3 (going on, well 4 next month), so for the past year or so, I've been educating myself on what's been going on in the real world, and I am concerned. I joined the Convention of States Action movement because (A) it is a non-partisan movement and (B) just as Delegate Fisher and Ms. Crane described, I believe the principles of the movement are necessary to protect my individual liberty and those of my daughters.

Everyone is aware of the greater than \$23 Trillion of debt, and nearly every American is concerned with where the country is headed financially, but the root problem is more than that. Neither side of the aisle is willing to take the necessary actions to resolve this.

The 10th Amendment of the Constitution states that "The powers not delegated to the Federal government, are reserved to the states and the people." If you agree with me, that the Federal government, and each Branch within, has usurped powers from the States, from you in fact, and have acted in ways beyond the scope as authorized to them by the Constitution, then I urge you to support our Convention of States application, HJ0011. Years ago, I took an oath to defend the Constitution and I believe now is the time for all of us to take action, to use Article V, call a Convention of States, and secure the future of the next generation and beyond.

Sincerely, Matthew Rehberg