Honorable Representatives Garth D. Everett, Chair; Kevin J. Boyle, Democratic Chair; and Members of the House State Government Committee; and Honorable Senators Anthony H. Williams, Minority Chair; Kristin Phillips-Hill, Vice Chair; and Members of the Senate State Government Committee:

We are American citizens, born under the Rule of Law: the United States Constitution, which guarantees us certain unalienable [God-given] rights:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”
http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/declaration_transcript.html

And now, in the 50 states, we see legislators are being convinced they can vote away our constitutional compact with the United States of America!

How is it possible that our country, through its elected officials, has come to such a gross misunderstanding of the limits government was given over the rights of “We the People”?

Please listen to why on February 15, 2017, Montana Representative Brad Tschida, a COS sponsor, testified against his own legislation after getting the facts: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WmkbgmvRr4I

Where were we when 300 million people asked for state legislators to take away their birthright protections afforded by the U.S. Constitution? Asking citizens hasn’t happen, and it isn’t happening now!

Promoters of an Article V constitutional convention have created an ever growing mirage of excuses to justify opening our U.S. Constitution, saying edits and amendments can be safely made! The historic facts could not be further from the truth, as seen in the voiding of the Articles of Confederation, in order to replace it with the U.S. Constitution in 1787!!

WHAT is the “elephant in the room” about opening our U.S. Constitution? WHO are these “delegates”, who will by federal law hold plenipotentiary powers within a constitutional convention?

ANSWER: The Article V constitutional convention “delegates” will exercise sovereign power, which is superior to the states and the federal government, to proceed with their own rules of law! Once called by the U.S. Congress, the constitutional convention “delegate body” is unencumbered by government, thereby legally empowered to supersede all laws existing before its assembly.
QUESTION: WHO will be “given the keys” to opening the U.S. Constitution? WHO will decide the persons, now unknown to us, who will be given the most extraordinary powers on earth over the American people?

WHO are YOU giving all your rights away to? WHO do YOU trust with the power to irreversibly change the rest of your life and that of generations to come? What price will YOUR freedom pay to chase the promised return for giving up your cherished constitutional compact with the United States of America...?

We implore you to carefully consider your position. Our children's future to live in a free society and the greatest nation on earth is in your hands.

“Abide By The Constitution, Not Change It”

Respectfully,

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