

Public Hearing for House Joint Resolution No. 65.

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It seems that the people we send to Washington to represent us and our values almost always lose their moral compass and begin to ignore those who they represent. Doing what is right for Connecticut and her citizens seems to get in the way of big-time party politics and cronyism.

The American people are bewildered with the onslaught of spending, entitlements and deference to special interests groups. We desperately need a means to push back and rescind their self-serving and regressive actions. This resolution to reinforce the 10th amendment to the US Constitution by the sovereign state of Connecticut is one of the vehicles to accomplish this.

The House Joint Resolution No. 65 calls upon the Congress and the President of the United States to abide by the 10th Amendment. We must retain the authority to say "NO, the Constitution of the United States of America prohibits you from imposing an illegal action on its citizens."

The news is consistent. Everyday we see what they in Washington, are involved in. The major parties each have their own "agendas," most of which seem to be only to disparage and discredit the other party. The important agenda is that of the American Citizen. The hardworking American Citizen, not special interests or a narrowly focused voting body.

Look at the Healthcare issue today. We are watching the powers in Congress desperately seeking special deals and covert incentives, having nothing to do with healthcare, in order to entice those who disagree with the "bill" to support it. There are laws in the private sector to prevent this kind of behavior which could be regarded as bribery and deemed to be an illegal activity. Doing the right thing in Washington is no longer as important as advancing an ideological agenda. It is clear that the majority of Americans support healthcare reform, but not this bill or the manner in which it is being forced on us.

Passage of that bill is exactly what this resolution addresses; the federal government going beyond the scope of its enumerated powers. We must be empowered to stand against it and refuse to honor the unconstitutional mandates it will encompass.

The General Assembly of the state of Connecticut is the representative voice of "We the People," Connecticut citizens. Please hear us and honor our Constitutional guarantees. Let Connecticut continue to lead the way for Liberty and Freedom as it has always done. The people and the sovereign state of Connecticut are the sole authority on what is right for us. The federal government was created for, and only exists to serve and protect the American people.

Pass this resolution, send our message to Washington. Stand with us; be a force to ensure that our Freedoms and Liberties endure forever.