



CONVENTION OF STATES

Talking Points

Nervous about calling your state legislator? We'd like to help! Here's what you do:

1. **Find their contact number.** Most state legislatures have a website where you'll find all the contact information you need. Just do an internet search: "[My State] State Legislature."

2. **Call them.** Try to use a landline, as this will give you the clearest signal. You don't want to drop this call!

3. **Introduce yourself** and thank them for their service:

"Hi, my name is [Your Name]. I live in your district, and I appreciate your service in our state legislature."

4. **Explain why you've called:**

"I'm calling because I'd like to talk to you about an opportunity the states have to take back power from the federal government."

5. **Explain the problem:**

"Almost everyone knows our federal government is on a dangerous course. The unsustainable debt combined with crushing regulations on states and businesses is a recipe for disaster."

6. **Explain the solution:**

"Fortunately, the Founders gave state legislatures the power to make changes to the federal structure when Washington, D.C., starts to abuse its authority. Article V of the Constitution authorizes the state legislatures to call a convention for the limited purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution."

7. **Explain the COS Project:**

"The Convention of States Project was launched to call a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments that impose fiscal restraints and limit the power of the federal government."

8. **Voice your support:**

“I support this approach. I want [name of your State] to be one of the necessary 34 states that passes a resolution calling for a Convention of the States. You can find a copy of the draft resolution and a legislator’s handbook (which briefly explains the process and answers many questions) at www.conventionofstates.com.”

9. Give them an action step:

“I ask you to support the Convention of States Project and become either the lead sponsor or co-sponsor of a resolution in the next legislative session.”

10. Thank them again and give them some contact info:

“Thanks so much for your service to the people of our district. You can reach the COS Project at info@conventionofstates.com or call them at 540-441-7227.”

When you finish your conversation, let us know what your state representative thinks! We need a legislator to sponsor our application in every state, and we’d love to talk to a state congressman from your area.

That’s it! Of course, it’s always best to use your own words and explain it however you feel most comfortable. We’ve provided this outline as a guide. Don’t feel like you have to follow it verbatim.

Good luck!

-The COS Project Team