



Koch Brothers seek to revise the US CONSTITUTION

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I must alert you that just 6 states stand between us and a disastrous Article V Constitutional Convention -- which could mean *utter constitutional chaos*.

We must immediately step up our grassroots response to defeat this effort. And that's why I'm rushing this alert to you and every Member of Common Cause.

This time, the threat isn't even coming from the White House. Wealthy special interest groups like the Koch Brothers' American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) are spending big money to lobby state lawmakers and demanding an Article V convention to radically reshape our U.S. Constitution

If allowed to succeed, **unelected, unaccountable delegates will be granted the power to write their far right-wing agenda into our Constitution.**

That means: shredding environmental regulations, rolling back civil rights advances, and enshrining far-right wing economics as permanent fiscal policy through a balanced budget amendment.

This isn't some plot for a bad movie -- this sinister effort is seriously underway. Even more frightening is the reality that there are no rules or guidelines in our Constitution that can constrain an Article V convention once it's called. Name a constitutional right you care about -- free press, reproductive rights, privacy, criminal justice -- any one of those can be placed on the chopping block.

WORST OF ALL... if just 6 more states sign on, the Koch Brothers and their extremist cronies will reach the two-thirds majority they need to tear apart our U.S. Constitution.

That's why I'm urging you to help Common Cause in our state-by-state battle to block and rescind calls for an Article V Convention. And why I urge you to support this effort with your Year-End Contribution today.

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The odds may seem stacked against us, but **I want you to know** that concentrated and organized grassroots action can stop this right-wing attack on our Constitution.

We've already proven we can fight the extremists -- and win. Common Cause activists have already **successfully rolled back calls for an Article V convention** in Delaware, New Mexico, Maryland, and Nevada. Without those earlier Common Cause victories, we'd now be just be two states away from constitutional chaos.

Now I need your Year-End Contribution to help us mount hard-hitting defenses in other states now being threatened.

I REPEAT. WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN WIN. Even when the special interests succeeded in getting their call for a Constitutional Convention before state legislatures in Idaho, South Dakota, North Carolina, Utah, and Wyoming, we blocked them. All of these states have voted against calling an Article V convention after Common Cause and our allies -- over 200 national and state groups -- mobilized to stop it.

That's why **I have faith that our state-by-state grassroots organizing works** -- and that as long as we keep fighting, we'll keep winning.

Common Cause has the expertise, the nonpartisan reputation, and the grassroots power to fight back. We're building coalitions with Democratic and Republican lawmakers, in red, blue, and purple states alike, to defend our Constitution from the far-right's Article V power grab.

But with just 6 states between us and an Article V convention, the time to redouble our efforts is *now*. I hope we can count on your generous support. Please make your Year-End Contribution to defend the Constitution today.

We can't -- and won't -- let these extremists rewrite our Constitution.

I'm so grateful to know you're with me in this fight. Thanks for all you do,

Robert Reich, Board Chair
and the team at Common Cause

P.S. If you'd like to learn more, read our report [The Dangerous Path](#) for more about how an Article V convention threatens our democracy.