



The Patriot Corps Petition for a Redress of Grievances

In its 1821 Opinion of *Cohens v. Virginia*, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that “The **Clause** which gives **Exclusive Legislation** is, unquestionably, a Part of the Constitution, and, as such, **Binds all the United States.**” While these words may appear Innocuous, they effectively weaponize the highly-unusual Clause for the District of Columbia, allowing the virtually-unlimited Discretion* allowed therein to invade the Union and Bind all the States.

Since the Court’s 1821 Ruling rests upon undeniable Facts, it is difficult to argue that the Court actually erred in its Conclusion (the Conclusion that even the Exclusive Legislation Clause “Binds all the United States”). Indeed, Article I, Section 8, Clause 17 is, unquestionably, “a part of the Constitution.” Neither does Article VI, Clause 2 provide a single express Exception to the Rule that “This Constitution...shall be the supreme Law of the Land,” not even an Exception for said Clause 17. Actually, to assert that Clause 17 is excepted is to deny the explicit Letter of the Constitution.

Nevertheless, holding said Clause 17 (that allows inherent Discretion* in D.C.) to be part of the supreme Law of the Land that binds the States has proven hostile to the States’ reserved Powers, antagonistic to the People’s Unalienable Rights, and has only spread Tyranny and Despotism across the Land.

To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid Nation. Under this 1821 Ruling, government Servants have:

- Endeavored to become our Political Masters, by enlarging their Sphere of Influence, as they extend their Power to act “in all Cases whatsoever” allowed for the District Seat, instead throughout the Union;
- Striven to circumvent their only legitimate Source of Authority, the (remainder of the) Constitution for the United States of America, founded upon the Ideals of the Declaration of Independence;
- Sought to diminish our Republican Form of Government, by delegating (Exclusive) legislative Authority to unelected Officials who promulgate Regulations without Fair Recourse at the Ballot Box;
- Ignored our Pleas, violated their sacred Oaths, and think Themselves above the Law, becoming the Principal Threat to our Rights and greatest Danger to our Property;
- Tried to re-write our History and destroy our Christian Heritage, by denying its profound Influence and widespread Impact;
- Sought to disarm free Citizens, as if America’s greatest Resource, her People and their Love of Liberty, was her greatest Liability;
- Undermined the Sanctity of Life itself, allowing the continued Destruction of the most Defenseless of Innocent Persons who committed no wrong, the unborn Child, while setting the stage to ration Care for the Aged and the Infirmed;
- Abolished circulation our lawful Money of Gold and Silver Coin and flooded the Country with irredeemable Currency that confiscates productive Capital, impoverishes independent Citizens, and enslaves the Young;
- Borrowed Money at Levels unprecedented in History and unsustainable for our Future;
- Expended massive amounts of government Funds ostensibly to prevent Some from failing, all but ensuring that few Others will succeed;
- Acted against our long-term Interests, by sacrificing our Sovereignty to foreign Powers who have anything but our best Interests at Heart;
- Threatened our Industries, driving them from our Shores with oppressive Taxation, repressive Regulation, and destructive Litigation;
- Instituted Policies said to benefit the Environment, merely to diminish the Right to Private Property, while enabling Government to control it Absolutely;
- Vilified the domestic Production of Energy, necessary for the advancement of Civilization and for the reduction of Poverty, only to enrich our Enemies who wage War against Us;
- Failed to address Immigration Reform, threatening the Rule of Law and restricting the availability of legal Workers; and
- Expanded Government into every conceivable aspect of Society, such that precious little is held Sacred from its ever-expanding Reach;

Therefore, We the undersigned People, respectfully petition Congress for a Redress of Grievances, asking Members to propose a Constitutional Amendment to expressly exempt from Article VI, Clause 2 of the U.S. Constitution, the Seventeenth Clause of the Eighth Section of the First Article, thereof. Ratifying such an Amendment will prevent the near-absolute Powers* permitted on Exclusive Legislation grounds from ever again having any Authority whatsoever beyond those Enclaves’ actual geographic Boundaries, and overturn *Cohens*, thereby Restoring the Union of enumerated Powers that may be implemented only using necessary and proper Means.

In Support of this Petition, first signed the Eleventh Day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen and of the Two Hundred and Forty-Fourth Year of the Independence of the United States of America, We solemnly Pledge before God our Honorable Intention to Restore our American Republic by all Lawful and Just Means.

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*D.C. is not a “State” and has no local, State, or State-like Constitution to guide and direct allowable action therein, as elsewhere provided to States by their respective State Constitutions. Thus, members of Congress must necessarily decide all such Matters within their own Discretion, needing only to avoid contradicting the few express Prohibitions actually found in the U.S. Constitution. Without legislative Representation in D.C., Members may also delegate Exclusive legislative Powers to Judges and Bureaucrats without Issue.