



The Board & Staff of Palmetto Policy Forum
cordially invite you to join them for a legislative breakfast and discussion of

Competitive Federalism

Leveraging the Constitution to Rebuild America

With Keynote Speaker

U.S. Representative Jeff Duncan

And Special Guest

Matt A. Mayer

President of Opportunity Ohio and author of *Competitive Federalism*

Thursday, May 30, 2013

8:30 a.m.

The Clarion (Camellia Room)

1615 Gervais Street

Columbia, SC

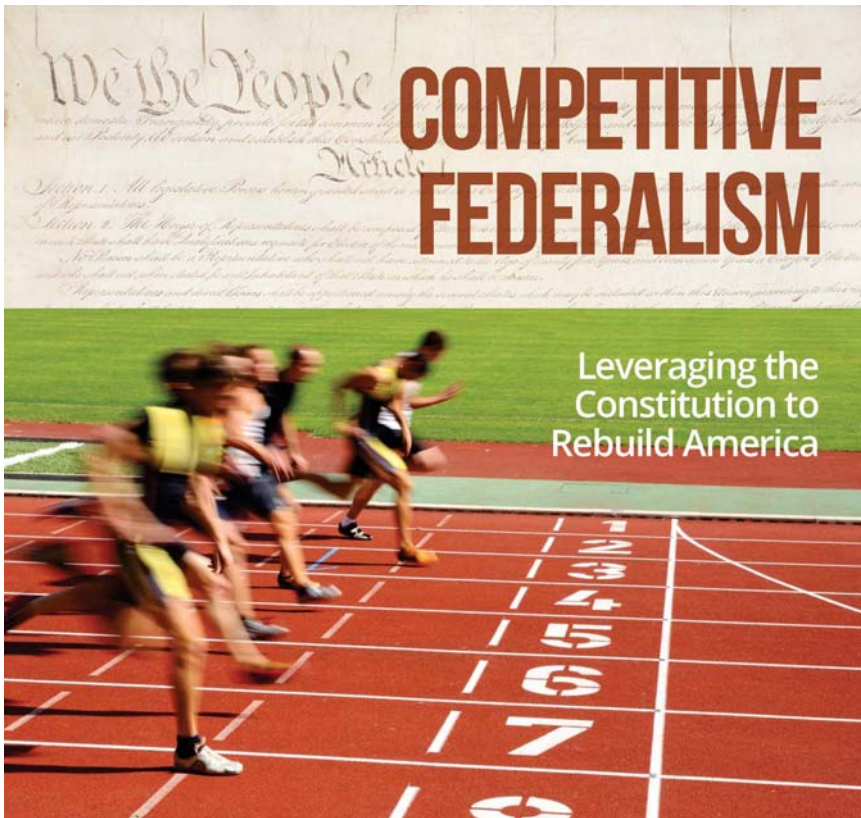
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So What IS Competitive Federalism?



Americans know Washington is broken. But far too many citizens feel disconnected and overwhelmed by the scope of the problems we face...*where do we even start?*

Enter ***Competitive Federalism***. Co-signed by 30 grassroots-driven groups from around the country, this groundbreaking report presents a new – and actionable – way of talking to Americans about why our founding principles matter and how they can work in every day practice.

It begins with a critical question: where do we want the focus of government power to reside? In a distant federal bureaucracy or closer to home, where citizens stand a fighting chance to solve community problems with protection for their liberties and real accountability for elected officials?

Competitive Federalism is based on the simple yet powerful idea that when states – accountable to their respective electorates and informed about their own needs – are allowed to compete to create the best public policy environment, America wins. *Competitive Federalism* is about getting dollars and decisions out of Washington and empowering states, communities – and ultimately the families and individuals in them – to unleash economic growth and opportunity for every citizen.

The Competitive Federalism Pledge

"I pledge to do all I can as an elected official to enact or to promote legislation that honors our Constitution and returns power and taxing decisions over Medicaid, education and transportation to the states and to the people."