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## Major Steps in Reaching "Critical Mass"

Dear Friends:

This past weekend I joined nearly 100 legislators from 32 states at Mt. Vernon to take a critical step in course-correcting America's out-of-control federal government. We gathered to begin drafting the procedural rules for an Article V Convention of States.

I was humbled to be part of the historic Mt. Vernon Assembly. We conducted our work under the watchful eyes of George Washington who looked down on us from a large image projected on a wall. It was a serious and deliberative meeting with a sense of urgency. This rule writing for an Article V Convention of States will help insure a legal and restrained process. It was a good first step.

Last week I filed legislation ([H.4372](#)) calling for the Article V Convention for the express and sole purpose of limiting the power and jurisdiction of the federal government.

Yesterday, Sen. Larry Grooms filed the identical bill ([S.833](#)) in the SC state senate.

Virginia and Florida have also filed legislation and many more states are in line to follow. We need the approval of 34 states, then Congress must call a Convention to consider Amendments to the Constitution.

Michael Farris, a Constitutional attorney and scholar says, *"We are beginning to reach critical mass in our efforts to use Article V of the Constitution to rein in the power of the federal government."*

He's right. Over this past week SC's Article V legislation has increased its national exposure. I have been invited onto a number of talk radio shows around SC and nationally:

Philadelphia, St. Louis, Phoenix and elsewhere. I believe it's important to educate folks on the merit and legitimacy of the

Article V process. The outpouring of heartfelt support from across America, South Carolina and right here in Aiken County is phenomenal.

Rep. Bill Taylor Explains  
Article V legislation.

Glenn Beck says the Article V Convention of States is the biggest tool in the box to fix what's wrong in

our nation. *"It is what the founders intended."* His full-throttle support came on both his TV and radio programs saying, *"It's time for the wise and honest to do the right thing."*

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### Get Involved

Americans have a '**CAN DO**' attitude. Most of us are overwhelmingly ready to throttle back the federal government. Citizens are coming together to show strong grassroots support and assure the success of the Convention of States initiative. The COS group welcomes those who are willing to work to restrain an out of control federal government.

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Our founders gave us this Article V option just for a time like this when the federal government needs course correcting. I have little doubt that they probably wonder why it took so long to use what they gave us.

**If not *NOW*, WHEN? If not *THIS*, WHAT?**

In your Service,

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