

Missouri Sovereignty Project Congressional Pledge

Over 2,000 Missourians working to ensure their Congressional members uphold the 10th Amendment.



WHEREAS: The 10th Amendment reads, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

WHEREAS: The people have delegated to the federal government only those powers specifically enumerated in Article I, Section VIII of the United States Constitution and subsequent amendments to it, including the authority to make laws that are "necessary and proper" to advancing those enumerated powers only.

WHEREAS: In the spirit of Thomas Jefferson's counsel - "On every question of construction, (let us) carry ourselves back to the time when the Constitution was adopted, recollect the spirit manifested in the debates, and instead of trying what meaning may be squeezed out of the text, or invented against it, conform to the probable one in which it was passed."

WHEREAS: The federal government for decades has been filing, voting for, and passing legislation beyond the scope of the U.S. Constitution's 10th Amendment and its Enumerated Powers.

**I therefore affirm and promise, as a member of Congress
representing the people of the great state of Missouri, I will:**

- 1) Not introduce, co-sponsor or support legislation that does not identify the specific provision of the U.S. Constitution that gives Congress the power to do what the bill purports to do.
- 2) Not regard either the "Commerce" clause or the "necessary and proper" clause individually or in tandem as sole acceptable *specific provisions* cited in #1.
- 3) Publically support all legislation introduced in Missouri's General Assembly that protects her citizens from unconstitutional encroachment by any branch of the federal government.
- 4) Publically challenge any attempts by institutions or media outlets to question my dedication to the spirit of this pledge or to Missouri's rights under the 10th Amendment.

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