

CAMPAIGN CONSTITUTION
a 501(c)3 non-profit organization d/b/a Path To Reform

PreConvention
in preparation for a
Convention for Proposing Amendments
as Authorized by Article V of the United States Constitution
Executive Summary

State legislators have a responsibility for the health of our nation. They are empowered to gather in convention—without federal interference—to propose constitutional amendments as described in Article V of the Constitution. This provision was included should, as Constitutional Convention delegate George Mason sagely predicted, “the government should become oppressive.” Any amendment proposed in such a convention must be ratified by $\frac{3}{4}$ of the States in the same manner as those proposed by Congress.

Path To Reform works to educate state legislators of both parties on state-led constitutional reform with a focus on the mechanics of Article V. Campaign Constitution engages in scholarly research and identifies potential process amendments to eliminate mismanagement and corruption, and is currently conducting research on the States’ prerogatives to effect reforms under Article IV. Both Campaign Constitution and Path To Reform assiduously avoid taking a position on policy matters.

Our team has worked with both Republican and Democratic state legislators in the Article V space for over a decade. We’ve learned that many state legislators are unaware of the power and responsibility they have to right the ship when Congress has lost its way. We propose to remedy this knowledge gap and prepare state legislators to effectively participate in a convention for proposing amendments by working with the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) to hold a PreConvention attended by delegates from all 50 states. NCSL has been a trusted, non-partisan resource for state legislators and legislative staff for a half-century and is well-positioned to coordinate funding, facilities, and logistics for such an event.

Path To Reform is uniquely positioned to design and execute content for this event. Our team has decades of combined Article V experience. Unique among Article V advocacy organizations, PTR is trusted by state legislators of both parties because our activities are cross-partisan and strictly educational. We engage in no lobbying whatsoever. This event will differ from past events hosted by other entities in that it will focus on process and refrain from promoting specific amendment proposals.

We anticipate the cost of this project to be \$300,000 over three years. This figure includes NCSL Foundation Platinum Sponsorship, travel, educational programs, and professional & support staff. In addition to securing these funds, we seek high-profile spokespersons who can appeal to both parties, as well as a chair and twelve individuals to serve on a board of advisors specific to this event.

To learn more, please visit our websites, CampaignConstitution.com and PathToReform.com. Please do not hesitate to reach out to one or both of us if you would like to learn more about being part of this historic event.

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