

CITIZEN'S PETITION TO THE RHODE ISLAND STATE LEGISLATURE

Under the authority reserved to State Legislatures in Article V of the United States Constitution, I am directing the Rhode Island State Legislature to complete an "Application" to the United States Congress directing Congress to convene the *Countermand Amendment Convention*.

1. When 34 State Legislatures complete a similar "Application", Congress is obligated to convene the called for Convention.
2. Copies of the *Application* on Congress can be downloaded at: http://citizeninitiatives.org/countermand_amendment.htm; the *Countermand Amendment* at: http://citizeninitiatives.org/call_for_countermand.htm; and the *Delegate Resolution* at: http://citizeninitiatives.org/del_res_countermand.htm.

This Citizen petition also directs the Rhode Island State Legislature to approve the *Delegate Resolution* for the *Countermand Amendment Convention*.

1. The *Delegate Resolution* defines the duties and obligations of the delegates the Legislature sends to the Convention. The delegates are Ambassadors representing Rhode Island's State Legislature at the Convention. They are not free Agents. The *Delegate Resolution* incorporates the text for the proposed Amendment.

Encroachment by the Federal Government has been prohibiting Rhode Island from exercising its States Rights under the Tenth Amendment. The *Countermand Amendment* will restore State Legislative Sovereignty for Rhode Island by:

1. providing Rhode Island "Countermand" authority on current and existing laws and rulings. .
2. giving Rhode Island the authority to rescind laws and rulings that are onerous to our State.
3. providing Enforcement powers for the State of Rhode Island to prosecute intentional violators of the Amendment when the Federal Government refuses to take action.

With the Countermand Amendment the States will be treated as partners in government, not subjects to Federal power. Congress, the Courts, Executive Branch and government Agencies before enacting new laws or regulations will be more amenable to the interests of the States.

As a citizen of the State of Rhode Island, I do hereby direct the State Legislature to complete the "Application" on Congress under the Authority Rhode Island has in Article V of the United States Constitution and to pass the *Delegate Resolution* for the "Countermand Amendment Convention".

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

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Your petition will be sent to both Houses of the Rhode Island State Legislature

Mail this petition to:

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