

## STATES MOVE TO NULLIFY FEDERAL GUN LAWS

(Excerpts) On Jan. 11, five days before President Barack Obama unveiled 23 executive actions he intended to take to reduce gun violence, Pennsylvania state Rep. Daryl Metcalfe (R) announced that he was working on a firearms measure of his own.

"I am currently having legislation drafted that is similar to firearm legislation recently introduced in Wyoming," Metcalfe wrote in a memorandum sent to his fellow House members. "My legislation would prohibit the enforcement of any new federal restriction, prohibition or registration requirement for firearms, magazines, and ammunition. My legislation would also require the state to intercede on behalf of Pennsylvania citizens against any federal attempt to register, ban or restrict the purchase or ownership of firearms and firearms accessories which are currently legal products."

Metcalfe is one of many. Over the last several weeks, he and Republican lawmakers nationwide have introduced bills addressing firearms, the Second Amendment, and federal power. The bills are a response to President Barack Obama and Democrats' renewed interest in gun control measures, which itself is a response to the December mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

At least 20 states have had some kind of firearm-related legislation recently introduced or currently pending: Texas, Utah, Arizona, Alaska, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Wyoming, Missouri,

North Dakota, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Nebraska, New Mexico, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, Iowa, Indiana, and Montana.

The language in the bills differs from state to state (and some states have seen several different bills proposed), as do some of the particulars. But the message and general thrust of the bills are the same: the lawmakers are telling the federal government to back off on guns.

"Our government and our legislature is not in place to simply do the bidding of the federal government," Missouri state Rep. Casey Guernsey (R) told TPM in an interview. "That is not the function of a state. And there is an ability and a right, an inherent right, of

states to protect [their] citizens when the federal government becomes overreaching."

On Jan. 15, Guernsey introduced HB 170, which among other things would make it a class D felony for any federal official or agent to enforce or attempt to enforce any federal law or regulation on a firearm owned or manufactured in the state that remains "exclusively within the borders of the state." It's an idea contained in a number of other bills.

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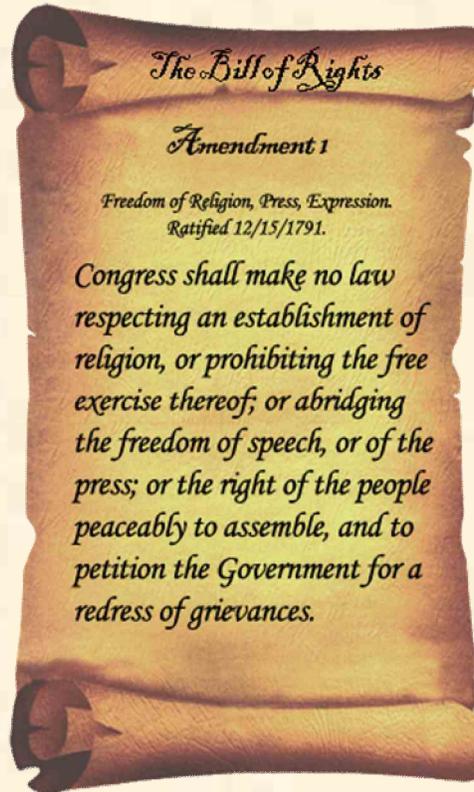


### From Our Chairman Don Shrader

There are, of course, many major third parties, but at their core, most of them have a particular cause (like the Green Party) that becomes their primary platform as opposed to the Constitution Party primary motivation being a return to limited government in accordance with the governmental principles established by our founding fathers and embodied in the Constitution. While the TEA Party endorses various candidates, remember they are NOT an official Party and derive their "power" solely by endorsing candidates of their choosing in the actual political parties, which in some cases has been Constitution Party candidates. However, for the most part, the majority of the TEA Parties have been infiltrated by the Republican Party and have essentially, and unfortunately, become an arm of the Republican Party.

To borrow a cliché, "I did not leave the Republican Party, it left me." While I was a registered Republican for many years, I told Party leaders over and over that I was not a Republican, I was a conservative holding to principle over party. I also wrote to them time and again that being a conservative was not being against the Democrats, it was about being for a set of inviolate principles. Unfortunately, today the term "conservative" has been usurped by the mainstream media talking heads, like Mark Levin, Rush, and Sean Hannity, who claim to be conservatives but are basically only fiscal conservative libertarians at heart. Today, I more appropriately label myself as a

Constitutionalist, or a Conservative Constitutionalist. I am no longer a Republican.



### Founders Quotes - First Amendment

"Should not the Bible regain the place it once held as a schoolbook? Its morals are pure, its examples are captivating and noble....In no Book is there so good English, so pure and so elegant, and by teaching all the same they will speak alike, and the Bible will justly remain the standard of language as well as of faith." ~Fisher Ames  
~Author of the First Amendment

"God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people

that these liberties are a gift from God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, and that His justice cannot sleep forever."~Thomas Jefferson, Notes on the State of Virginia, Query 18, 1791

"It is the duty of every man to render to the Creator such homage and such only as he believes to be acceptable to him. This duty is precedent, both in order of time and in degree of obligation, to the claims of Civil Society. Before any man can be considered as a member of Civil Society, he must be considered as a subject of the Governor of the Universe."~James Madison, A Memorial and Remonstrance, 1785

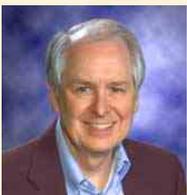
"And have we now forgotten that powerful friend, or do we imagine that we no longer need His assistance? I have lived, Sir, a long time and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth-that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid?"~Benjamin Franklin, Motion for Prayers in the Constitutional Convention, 1787

"He who gives up liberty  
for security will lose both  
and deserves neither."



**Our Vice-Chairman  
Don Sheen**

"I am often asked 'Why the Constitution Party' or 'Why bother with a third party.' I was a Republican my entire life. I was becoming increasingly dissatisfied with the Republican Party. It seemed that the party lines, goals and even their platforms were becoming harder to distinguish between Republican and Democrat. When I consider voting for a political candidate, I looked at issues that are important to me such as pro-life, the individual right to keep and bear arms, American sovereignty, strong national defense, limited government, illegal immigration, outrageous government spending and dependence upon our Creator. The current two party system simply are not political parties of, by, and for the people as our Founding Fathers intended. When I found the Constitution Party in 2009, I knew I found my new political home!"



**Franklin County  
Chairman  
Jim Watson**

"I was first a Democrat during the time of JFK. I then switched to supporting the Republican Party as their approach seemed to make more sense at the time. Later, I became disenchanted with the whole political system. As I read more history and began to really observe what was happening to America, I became aware of the Constitution Party. Since I was in agreement with the Principles of the Constitution Party, I decided to help

build the party and elect people that also shared the principles of the Constitution Party."



**Our Media Director  
Susan Sanders**

"I was always interested in history, current events and what makes the world and people tick. After 9-11-01 I became particularly focused on politics, what was going on in our country and around the world, especially anything that affected the individual citizen in America. I have watched our constitutional rights diminish almost on a daily basis for years and have become extremely concerned about where our country is headed. I believe we should go back to the beginning. Our Constitution is the framework and guidebook to this great Republic called The United States of America and one of the greatest gifts God ever gave to a country. We need to

protect it, because if we don't, someone will try to take it from us, whether it's from without or from within. So many people today do not understand what our founders intended for us to have and the ground rules we would have to follow in order to keep it. I fear for our loss of freedom and the loss of opportunity to follow our dreams and achieve our goals. What kind of legacy are we leaving to our children and those who come after us? I want them to look back and thank us that we fought for their chance to live under the greatest system of government ever conceived on Earth, as I thank our founders every day. Even as they declared America's independence they knew it might cost them everything..." *"And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."*

