

# *The 7<sup>th</sup> Amendment*

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As we welcome in 2014, we need to be resolute in our efforts to restore our lost liberties. We are inundated, almost daily, with the abuses of power that permeate our great nation. Even within Ohio we have seen the establishment and career politicians push a socialistic ideology on the public and at the same time they push the agenda to keep only the established career politicians in power.

It is important that we realize that WE ARE the answer. If we are to wrest back control of government it will be up to us as constitutional conservatives to make it happen. The other political parties within Ohio are pushing an agenda that includes socialized medicine, increased control over our lives or a liberal social agenda among many other things.

Over the last year we have seen more our God given and Constitutionally protected rights reduced and in some cases decimated. This month we have decided to shape the Citizens Courier around The 7th Amendment of the Bill of Rights. It states in part that the right to a trial by jury shall be preserved.

When the Constitution was being ratified in Virginia; the Lion of Liberty, Patrick Henry stated, "Why do we love this trial by jury? Because it prevents the hand of oppression from cutting you off ... This gives me comfort. that, as long as I have existence, my neighbors will protect me."

We can find and quote dozens of quotes since the birth of our nation on the importance of the trial by jury. Our founders realized the importance of things to protect us from the overreaching power of government on our lives. These protections are being assaulted daily by our elected representatives and accepted by our fellow citizens. It is for this reason that we need to be vigilant and educate our fellow Americans. It is also the reason that we need people like ourselves to step up and be the leaders.

I implore all of us to make a resolution in 2014 to be that leader. Become the catalyst that propels the Constitution Party to the lead. Be the leader that helps us to restore our lost liberties by running for office under the CP of Ohio banner or help us to build the party within your local community or within the state. There is much to do and the time is now.