

Individual and States Rights with YOUR Representative

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The [Rhode Island Tenth Amendment Center](#) is pleased to inform the people of Rhode Island that Dan Gordon will be working with the Rhode Island chapter of TAC (Tenth Amendment Center) on several issues, most notably states rights. Mr. Gordon is our state representative in the House for District 71 and sits on the following committees: Committee on Corporations, Committee on Health, Education, & Welfare, Committee on Veteran Affairs, Special Legislative Commission on Defense Economy Planning.

In meeting with Mr. Gordon last week at his office, he emphasized the "need for Rhode Islanders to become more involved with their state as well as local governments." In a Republic of sovereign states, America must recognize that Americans reserve all undelegated powers unless given by the people to the states. To wit, the tenth amendment states: "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."

The Tenth Amendment Center is appealing to the citizens of Rhode Island to become more educated about their individual and states' rights and comes at a time when Rhode Island needs to demonstrate its' sovereignty more than ever. As the tyrannical federal government removes more and more of our individual rights under the color of 'national security', it is imperative that states understand why this is happening. Then, and more importantly, Rhode Island can do something about it because we as a sovereign state have the authority under our Constitution to exercise those rights. We must stop falling for the deceit coming out of our nations' capitol that states rights don't matter. Obviously they do, evidenced by the actions states like Arizona and North Dakota have taken.

To give our readers an idea of how states exercise their rights, just look at the track records of states like North Dakota (SB 2309), Texas (HB 3188 and HB 1937) and Arizona (SB 1070). Read what states are doing to fight back and reclaim not only their rights, but the rights of their citizens.

A long-time advocate of individual liberties and limited government, the time has come for the people to decide what they want in America. The erosion of the former and expansion of the latter has put America in economic hardship and political tyranny. Lobbying efforts in my chosen field of insurance along with healthcare reform are at the top of the list of states rights. The federal government is out of control, the states are following and it's up to the people to take it back. As the commercial used to say, "Just Say No!"

Know Your State and Local Rights

With regards to state and individual rights, it is important first to understand states rights as they pertain to federal powers enumerated in the U. S Constitution, then our local rights as they pertain to our (Rhode Island) state Constitution. I would submit that we ARE "in such imminent Danger as will not permit of delay" (Article I, section 10, U.S. Constitution) from the general government and/or Congress itself; remembering "from all enemies, foreign and domestic".

Therefore, compacts entered into among states appear satisfactory according to our state Constitution, remembering that each state is sovereign unto itself first and foremost and should stipulate such in the language of any compact entered into. Same with communities. Regarding communities, our state constitution <http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/RiConstitution/C01.html> permits the following in Article VIII, section1:

Intent of article; Home Rule for Cities and Towns —

"It is the intention of this article to grant and confirm to the people of every city and town in this state the right of self government in all local matters."

Further, Article I, section 24 of our RI Constitution – Declaration of Certain Constitutional Rights and Principles, states:

"Rights not enumerated — State rights not dependent on federal rights. — The enumeration of the foregoing rights shall not be construed to impair or deny others retained by the people. The rights guaranteed by this Constitution are not dependent on those guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States."

People, if you DO NOT want federal authorities to come into your home without a warrant or probable cause

(<http://indiana.tenthamentcenter.com/2011/07/no-anchor-baby-for-indiana-immigration-law/>), then, KNOW YOUR RIGHTS.