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The United States Constitution

Article II, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution imposes only three eligibility requirements on persons serving as president, based on the officeholder's age, time of residency in the U.S., and citizenship status:

U.S. Constitution – Presidential Candidate Eligibility

"No person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty-five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States."



States First: Power Through Accountability

Ending Direct Federal Taxation, Restoring the Balance, and Shielding America from Corporate Rule

Overview

For too long, the federal government has operated with unchecked power—collecting taxes directly from the people, funding bloated agencies, and using that revenue to override the rights of states and the will of the people. Worse, both federal and state governments have increasingly fallen under the influence of corporations, special interest groups, and private equity firms that do not serve the public good.

It's time to change the model.

This policy proposes a new framework: **End direct federal taxation of citizens and reallocate that power to the states.** The states will then fund the federal government based on **performance, constitutional compliance, and the needs of the people**—not politics, coercion, or corruption.



Why It Matters

- The **states created the federal government**—not the other way around.
- Federal power has been **abused** to override local governance, often driven by **lobbyists, billionaires, or unelected officials**.
- The public is **over-taxed, under-protected**, and often **ignored** by the very institutions they're forced to fund.



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The Proposal: A New Funding Model for America

1. End Direct Federal Income Taxation

- Eliminate the IRS's authority to collect income taxes directly from individuals.
- Citizens will pay **state-level taxes only**.
- States will retain control over tax collection and hold all tax authority within their borders.

2. States Fund the Federal Government

- Each state contributes a portion of its revenue to the federal government based on:
 - Constitutional adherence
 - Agency performance
 - Budget transparency
 - Public benefit, not corporate enrichment

3. Constitutional Accountability Board (CAB)

- A citizen-led national board composed of **state-appointed public delegates**.
- Responsibilities:
 - Audit federal agencies and their use of funds
 - Approve or deny agency funding based on outcomes
 - Review constitutionality and public necessity of programs

4. Emergency Withholding Powers

- If the federal government:
 - Violates civil rights
 - Oversteps constitutional bounds
 - Engages in unauthorized surveillance or use of force against civilians...states may **withhold funding immediately**, pending a full review by the CAB.

Protection from State-Level Corporate Capture

While empowering the states, we must also **prevent corporate and private equity control** from replacing federal abuse. This policy includes the following safeguards:



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◇ *Corporate Influence Transparency Act*

- Real-time public disclosure of:
 - Political donations
 - Lobbying expenditures
 - Corporate influence over public contracts
- Blind trust loopholes and dark money channels banned.

◇ *State Integrity Tribunals (SITs)*

- Citizen-led boards review all major:
 - State contracts
 - Public-private partnerships
 - Rate changes in utilities, housing, and essential services

◇ *People's Veto Power*

- Citizens in every state gain the right to **veto**:
 - Corporate land grabs
 - PE-funded utility hikes
 - Critical resource sales
- Activated through digital referenda once 10% of voters sign on.

◇ *Nonprofit Institutional Holder System (NIHS)*

- Establish legally protected public institutions that **cannot be sold to private equity**.
- Includes housing, healthcare, food, water, education, and core infrastructure.

Constitutional Foundation

This proposal aligns with the:

- **10th Amendment** – Reserving power to the states and people
- **Federalist Papers #45** – Declaring the federal government's powers as “few and defined”
- **Consent of the governed** – The public has the right to redefine government structure and funding



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What We're Protecting Against

| Threat | Solution |
|---|---|
| Federal overreach | States reclaim funding power |
| Corporate influence in states | Transparency, veto rights, citizen tribunals |
| Media manipulation | Independent Civic Media Fund |
| Political retaliation | State Legal Defense Compacts |
| Unethical funding (crypto, foreign, PE) | Currency & Ownership Integrity laws |
| Court sabotage | State constitutional compacts and amendment preparation |
| Internal state sabotage | Permanent Public Oversight Panels |

Message to the People

"We are not trading one master for another. We are reclaiming what was always ours: the right to govern ourselves, protect our communities, and ensure that public funds serve the public good. No federal overreach. No corporate dictatorship. Just real power, real people, and real freedom."

Learn More / Take Action

 [Blog Post: What Happens When We Fund Our Own Oppression?](#)

 [Read: Safeguards Against Abuse – The 7 Threat Zones](#)

 [Pledge Support: Join the Movement to Restore State Power](#)



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Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Cordova".

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