

## Wolf-PAC Article V Convention Legislation

Wolf-PAC is introducing their Application for an Article Convention in Legislatures across the country. The ostensible purpose of Wolf-PAC legislation is to circumvent or repeal the United States Supreme Court's opinion in [Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, 558 U.S. 310 \(2010\)](#), by obtaining Amendments to our Constitution which permit the federal government to restrict political speech and campaign contributions by corporations.

### Talking Points in Opposition to Wolf-PAC Article V Legislation

1. The federal government does not now have the constitutional authority over the country at large to restrict *any* form of speech, to restrict campaign contributions, or to limit the spending of money. These are not enumerated powers delegated to the federal government. Furthermore, the exercise of such powers is expressly forbidden by the First Amendment.<sup>1</sup>
2. The effect of the amendments suggested by Wolf-PAC would be to increase the powers of the federal government over The People by delegating to the federal government the power to **prevent** or **restrict** certain groups and combinations of people from speaking in the public square on the critically important area of political speech. And we won't find out, until the amendments are drafted, which groups or combinations of people will be allowed to speak out on political issues and donate money to the causes or candidates they support; and which groups or combinations of people will be prohibited from doing the same.
3. Wolf-PAC proposals are a major step in eliminating free speech and private use of money in this country
4. Our problem isn't that corporations donate money to political campaigns - our problem is that everyone ignores the Constitution. How many of us know the enumerated powers delegated to the federal government? How many know that our Constitution created a federal government of enumerated powers only? If "We the People" had demanded that Congress restrict itself to the enumerated powers, no one would want to spend large sums to influence federal legislation. Who would pay large sums of money to influence Congress's laws respecting the Bankruptcy

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<sup>1</sup> To the extent that Congress and the federal courts have in the past restricted such speech and contributions, their acts have been unconstitutional as outside the scope of powers delegated by our Constitution, and as in violation of the First Amendment.

Code (Art. I, §8, cl. 4); the patent and copyright office (Art. I, §8, cl. 8); and the standard of Weights and Measures (Art. I, § 8, cl. 5)?!

5. Our federal government is corrupt because it exercises thousands of usurped powers – and special interest groups pay large sums to get unconstitutional legislation favorable to them passed; and unconstitutional legislation unfavorable to them killed.

6. Nothing in Article V or the Constitution limits a convention to a single subject or amendment. The Delegates, as direct representatives of “We the People,” cannot be controlled by federal or state law. Pretended limits are a marketing gimmick by its proponents designed to give Legislators a false sense of security and control so they will vote for a process which will be totally out of their control.

7. Any Article V convention is a bad idea because delegates to an Article V convention would have the inherent right to propose whatever changes to our Constitution they want, including abolishing our “Form of Government,” rewriting or replacing our Constitution, and making the ratification process easier. [See Declaration of Independence, paragraph 2]