

I think all of us can agree that there is a need for control in the federal government today. Currently, we have a system of endless red tape and regulation. This state of regulation perpetuates itself by letting regulatory agencies continue to regulate with little to no oversight.

The reason why these regulations harm me, as a young person, is because it stifles business innovation, economic growth, and our sovereignty over a governing body that has transitioned from being by the people to being in control of the people.

In today's world, President Trump has declared that he will slash all regulation. However, I don't believe that one man, even with the best of intentions is capable of solving the problems we face. Furthermore, one man alone should not have the power or the burden to do so. As Lord Acton said, "Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." The founding Fathers knew this. They saw the patterns in history and in the nature of humanity. They also knew that no matter the beginning size, men with both good and bad intentions could easily grow out of hand. This is the reason they provided the Article V.

Our government was carefully established in order to limit power and protect our freedoms and liberties. A government, as so famously put by President Lincoln, "Of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth." We the people. We are responsible for the way the country is. It isn't the fault of congress, as we have failed and allowed them to reign over us. The power to rule our lives. As a young individual, it is beyond frustrating to see the selfishness that has consumed our nation. Over the last few years, I watched as people handed over more and more to a body that they complained was too large. They want for themselves so much that it outweighs what they know would be best for all. They cannot look beyond and see the lasting effects and consequences my generation and my future children's generations will face.

I have a strong American spirit. I still have pride in the values upon which our country was founded. But we as a nation have reached a turning point. You must decide. Are we going to join together to bring the federal government back into its jurisdiction? To bring power back to the states? Will you stand up alongside those you represent to take back our country?

As James Madison once said, "The happy Union of these States is a wonder; their Constitution a miracle; their example the hope of Liberty throughout the world." Let us once again become the hope and the example of liberty and freedom.