

To the Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee:

Please DO PASS HB 1335.

The 10th Amendment is a forgotten treasure. It is a beautiful string of 28 words.

“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.”

James Madison, writing in *The Federalist Papers*, No., 45 affirmed the concept of States’ sovereignty before the 10th Amendment was passed.

The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government, are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite.

Concentrated power usually grows into dictatorship or oligarchy. Is there any greater instance of concentrated power than Washington, DC? Consider several federal excesses in the context of the 10th Amendment:

- Gun controls
- Surveillance of citizens
- Regulate food and drugs
- Protecting Big Tech
- Almost all other forms of federal regulation

Now we see the US Congress attempting to pass H.R. 1 in an attempt to permanently corrupt States’ elections!

It is time for the State of North Dakota to exercise our sovereignty and stand up to Federal government overreach. HB 1335 empowers state officials and employees by reminding them of what they already have, namely that the Federal government does not have authority not given to it by the Constitution or delegated to it by North Dakota.

References:

[Thirty Enumerated Powers | Tenth Amendment Center](#)

[The 10th Amendment: An Introduction](#)

[Federalist No. 45](#)

[15 Insane Things In Democrats' H.R. 1 Bill To Corrupt Elections Forever \(thefederalist.com\)](https://www.thefederalist.com/15-insane-things-in-democrats-h-r-1-bill-to-corrupt-elections-forever/)