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Re: The US Constitution, State Government, and Money

Dear Mr. Gergen,

Yesterday evening I had the pleasure of meeting with Loren Culp for the first time at a rally at the Elliott farm in Kent, Washington. Our encounter was brief, but illuminating. After shaking hands and posing for a picture together I mentioned that gold was not taxed in the State of Washington and that the US Constitution requires that all State governments transact in gold. He appeared not to know what I was talking about, and I was not entirely accurate. Then too, sound money is not a part of his current platform, and I caught him off guard. As there were many others standing in line, I did not press the matter, wished him well in his campaign, and we parted.

Now, I could write many pages about why sound money should be a part of his campaign platform, but will go straight to the point: our current national, and therefore State economy, is financially unsustainable. This is fairly widespread knowledge in many circles of influence. Unfortunately, there is little reason to believe that the District of Columbia will abandon soft-money on its own. In contrast, not only do all States working together have the power to force its hand, but each State has the Constitutional obligation to do so.

No State shall enter into any Treaty, Alliance, or Confederation; grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal; coin Money; emit Bills of Credit; **make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts**; pass any Bill of Attainder, ex post facto Law, or Law impairing the Obligation of Contracts, or grant any Title of Nobility.

US Constitution, Article I, Section 10, §1

There are several States that have already taken action in regard to this matter — the most important of which is the State of Texas. I would very much like to see the State of Washington take the lead for the entire nation.

Please make sure that Loren sees this letter.

On behalf of all of America and we, the people, of the State of Washington,

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