

Knowing your interest in federal issues, I wanted to invite you to [sign up](#) to receive periodic e-updates on issues relating to the Constitution and Government Reform. Like many Northern Californians, I greatly enjoy American history and am especially interested in our Founding Fathers and their remarkable vision for our young nation. This vision culminated with the drafting of our Constitution and the Bill of Rights, which established a federal government with powers that were limited and separated among three branches. Equally important, our Founders envisioned a government that would be accountable to the people.

Like many Americans, I have grown increasingly concerned that Congress, the President, and federal courts have too frequently exceeded their constitutional powers. I believe the health care law passed last year, which for the first time in our history mandates that nearly every American purchase a certain product, is a prime example of Washington lawmakers exceeding the powers provided to them by the Constitution. Likewise, the Supreme Court and other federal courts have repeatedly overstepped their constitutional role by legislating from the bench. Meanwhile, in recent years we have tragically seen a few elected officials abuse their powers and be sentenced to prison for corruption, and we have witnessed the federal bureaucracy grow more cumbersome, inefficient, and restrictive—misusing taxpayer dollars and undermining our economy.

With these concerns in mind, I invite you to [sign up](#) for e-updates on the Constitution and Government Reform. I look forward to keeping you informed on efforts by the new Republican majority to ensure that neither Congress nor the President exceeds their constitutional powers. As a first step, for example, the House has passed a rule requiring that every introduced bill cite a specific provision in the Constitution that authorizes Congress to take the proposed action. I will also use this platform to keep you informed about court cases that consider whether Congress or the Administration has gone too far in exercising their power, as well as decisions that represent abuses of judicial power. Additionally, I will keep you posted on efforts in Congress to reduce the size and scope of the federal government and make it more open and transparent, and hearings in the House that provide oversight of the activities of each branch of government.

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