

Dear Committee Members

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Recently, Senator Bob Brown wrote an article stating that State Nullification was playing with fire. I would like to respond to that article by first saying that State Nullification is our civic duty as set forth in the Declaration of Independence. This document declares the only legitimate reason for government is to protect the inalienable rights of the people –when a government is no longer protecting rights but usurping them it is the **Right** it is the **Duty** of the people to throw off this government and provide new Guardians of their rights.

A few short years ago when Montana and a few other states nullified The Real Id act state nullification was shown to be an effective way of drawing a line in the sand against Federal usurpation of power. It only took a few states standing together to get the Federal Government to back down. Since then many other states have followed suit.

Also in his article Senator Bob Brown states that South Carolina's attempt at State Nullification of tariff law lead to the of the civil war, What Bob Brown does not say is that South Caroline had agreed to giving the Federal government power to pass tariffs when they joined the union. Nullification of tariff laws was an improper use of nullification.

Since Senator Brown's article called our attention to the conflict between the north and the south let us remember that nullification of Federal Law actually began in the North when the people refused to comply with the Fugitive Slave Act. Why is that? Slavery at the time was permitted and was constitutional. What was the people's justification for nullification? It was the knowledge that our duty to justice and to justice's god supercedes all other duties. The abolitionist in the north had agreed to give the south time to wean themselves from the entanglement with slavery that the British had started. They even wrote into The Constitution strong incentives for the south to do so. It had become increasingly apparent that politicians were not going to stand up to this usurpation of people's rights and that the country was getting more entangled with slavery.. It was the people that had the courage to do what the politicians of the time would not.

With moral fortitude, Abraham Lincoln did not ask if slavery was constitutional but asked "Is slavery right or wrong?" People saw in him a man of moral courage and elected him to office.. Do we have moral fortitude today?

Slavery is using the force of law to compel people to work to provide for the needs and wants of another person. Socialism is slavery, it is debauchery, it is unsustainable. It is wrong. ObamaCare is socialism, it is all the above and it is wrong. Increasingly the Federal Government has come to think they have the right to dictate and manipulate our choices. With ObamaCare they want the power to dictate our consumer and health care choices also. This government is no longer a protector of rights but a dictator of choices. As American we have endured 100 years of re-distributive schemes that enslave producers to non-producers and enslave our children to debt. No more. We call upon this body to join us and have the moral fortitude to stand against ObamaCare. We will not be placated or bought off. We are not going to rest until our inalienable rights are restored and the cancer of socialism is removed.

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