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**SOMETHING NEW**  
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The creation of our Republic, here in America, showed the need to adapt quickly while being respectful of the rights of others. People in general, will give their all, if they know that they will be rewarded with freedoms and the right to pursue "Life, Liberty and a Pursuit of Happiness".

### WHAT DID SHAYS REBELLION UNCOVER?

A key idea: might be that government needs to be responsive to the grievances experienced by the people. The idea that petitions of grievances to the government would go unanswered, ensured that the people who had fought to win the Revolutionary War, would in turn be willing to fight to remedy the wrongs experienced. Simply, a weakness in the Articles of Confederation, the original governing document for the newly formed United States, was the lack of a petitioning process.

### WHAT DID SHAY'S REBELLION UNCOVER THE WAY FOR?

The creation of a new form of governing for The United States of America, with the rewriting of a new governing document in the US Constitution and Bill of Rights. While there was a clear need for a stronger Federal Government, the debate and history showed that this needed to balance with States Rights and recognition of the rights of all individuals as proscribed through Natural Law.



Petitioning was one of the many tools that was used to ensure government would be responsive to its citizenry. Clearly this right is enshrined in the 1st Amendment. The founders recognized this viable concept as they studied the Magna Carta (1215), Petition Right of 1628, and even The Declaration of Independence (1776), Yet over the years, we have moved away from recognizing petitions as a clear path to improving governance. We should take lessons from our history and recognize petitions as a means to prevent rebellions while improving life for all.

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In Spokane County, WA, individuals banding together in an Election Integrity Committee, initiated the use of Petitions to "Restore Confidence in our Elections".

In New York, Bob Schultz has used petitions, taking his efforts to the Supreme Court.

***Now is the time to restore the use of Petitions to address grievances you experience, within your community, at the local, state, and national levels of government. We the People are the masters of our destiny, the captains of our souls.***

