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*"Congress has not unlimited powers to provide for the general welfare, but only those specifically enumerated."*

Thomas Jefferson

*"As always, questions are in search of answers, along with more questions in a pursuit of Truth. Truth does not need to be balanced." – the Hawk*

**The bigger question at this point in our nation's history, can we recognize how Constitutional Authority has been abused over time, and then correct the error of our ways?**

We should be able to recognize where we have erred, and then begin to make corrective action to restore what we have lost (*Founding Defenders, Article #12 provides insights*).

The beauty of the internet is that we have access to vast documents that have been preserved for our study today. **James Madison** writes within the **Federalist Papers #45**: "...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...."

**What are the clearly defined powers that the States assigned to the Federal Government?** These powers are Enumerated and generally focused on external forces for governing such as **war, peace, negotiation, and foreign commerce** including the issue of **taxation with representation**. The States rights are focused on issues that impact lives, liberties, properties, internal order, improvement, and prosperity of the State.

**What can States do when they identify that the Federal Government has taken powers for which the States have not authored?** First, ask the question, how, when, or why, did the Federal Government begin to assume their various powers and was this done without Congressional authority and authorization by the States? However, beware that as you ask this question, **ask did the Legislature also allow for the same kind of unconstitutional assumption of power to take place within the Judiciary?**

**Finally, might an Audit of unauthorized Federal powers be a choice?**

