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Colleagues,

Last month, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott unveiled his Texas Plan to restore the Rule of Law and return the Constitution to its intended purpose. In his plan, Governor Abbott suggests **nine constitutional amendments that could be proposed through a Convention of States to rein in the federal government and restore the balance of power between the States and the United States**.

Here are the 9 amendments Gov. Abbott suggests to "put teeth in the Tenth Amendment"

1. Prohibit Congress from regulating activity that occurs wholly within one State.
2. Require Congress to balance its budget.
3. Prohibit administrative agencies—and the unelected bureaucrats that staff them—from creating federal law.
4. Prohibit administrative agencies—and the unelected bureaucrats that staff them—from preempting state law.
5. Allow a two-thirds majority of the States to override a U.S. Supreme Court decision.
6. Require a seven-justice super-majority vote for U.S. Supreme Court decisions that invalidate a democratically enacted law.
7. Restore the balance of power between the federal and state governments by limiting the former to the powers expressly delegated to it in the Constitution.
8. Give state officials the power to sue in federal court when federal officials overstep their bounds.
9. Allow a two-thirds majority of the States to override a federal law or regulation.

If you have additional questions, please join us tomorrow for a Q&A lunch from 12:15 – 1:45 in room 415 (capitol bldg northwest corner.)

Ken

Press Release: http://gov.texas.gov/news/press-release/21829

Texas Plan (92-pages, 353 footnotes) : http://gov.texas.gov/files/press-office/Restoring_The_Rule_Of_Law_01082016.pdf

Video of Gov. Abbott Speech: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PCk47k3o_oI&list=PL8h4sleiAEjWsq9_4soTv8PBqSzdCjHgO&index=5