



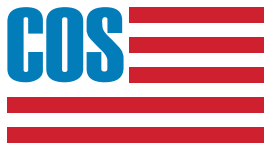
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RECLAIMING LIBERTY



Impact Report
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2020 has already been quite a year. We launched with a bang, with fast movement in legislatures across the country. It looked like a banner year for self-governance. And then...well, you know. The reaction to the Chinese coronavirus shut down the country, along with many state legislatures.

In the midst of all of this, we have continued to push against tyranny. We started with the COS Serves initiative, reaching out to our volunteers across the country to make sure they were okay, and helping where we could. Then it was on to the state legislatures, making sure we were there for both our legislators and their families, and to all those in the districts, building upon our relationships and helping as needed.

As the shutdown extended and the mandates became excessive, COS activists felt compelled to act. Because of the nimbleness of our organization, we were able to launch OpenTheStates.com. Our censorship-free platform gave patriots and business owners a way to organize and resist the overarching tyranny of governors and mayors. And we achieved major victories along the way, causing terrible governors like Michigan's Gov. Whitmer and California's Gov. Newsom to back down more rapidly than they otherwise would have done.

Our activists not only fought back against the shutdowns, but they simultaneously campaigned for COS champions in primary races... and won! In fact, our activists took advantage of the shutdown to grow the grassroots, strengthen legislator relations, and secure the seats of our legislative champions.

Not even a global pandemic could stop the COS grassroots from fighting for freedom. As states reconvene and return from recess, we're positioned well.

Legislative victories are exciting, but we're just as excited about the heart and soul of our movement: the grassroots. Our victories prove that this army of self-governing citizens can win any fight for freedom from coast to coast and have a major impact in the 2020 election.

I've prepared this Impact Report for you to see the efforts and the victories that we accomplished over the first and second quarters of the year. Just as we committed to serving Americans during the shutdown, we remain dedicated to building the largest grassroots army of engaged activists in the nation as we call America's first Article V Convention of States, together.

For Liberty,



Mark Meckler
President, Convention of States

COS SERVES

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, we knew we couldn't sit on the sidelines. While other organizations may have been "in the fog," we knew that we could not rest.

After the first week of the shutdown, we launched COS Serves to give our volunteers the strategy and online tools they needed to reach out to their state legislators during the pandemic. Our three-

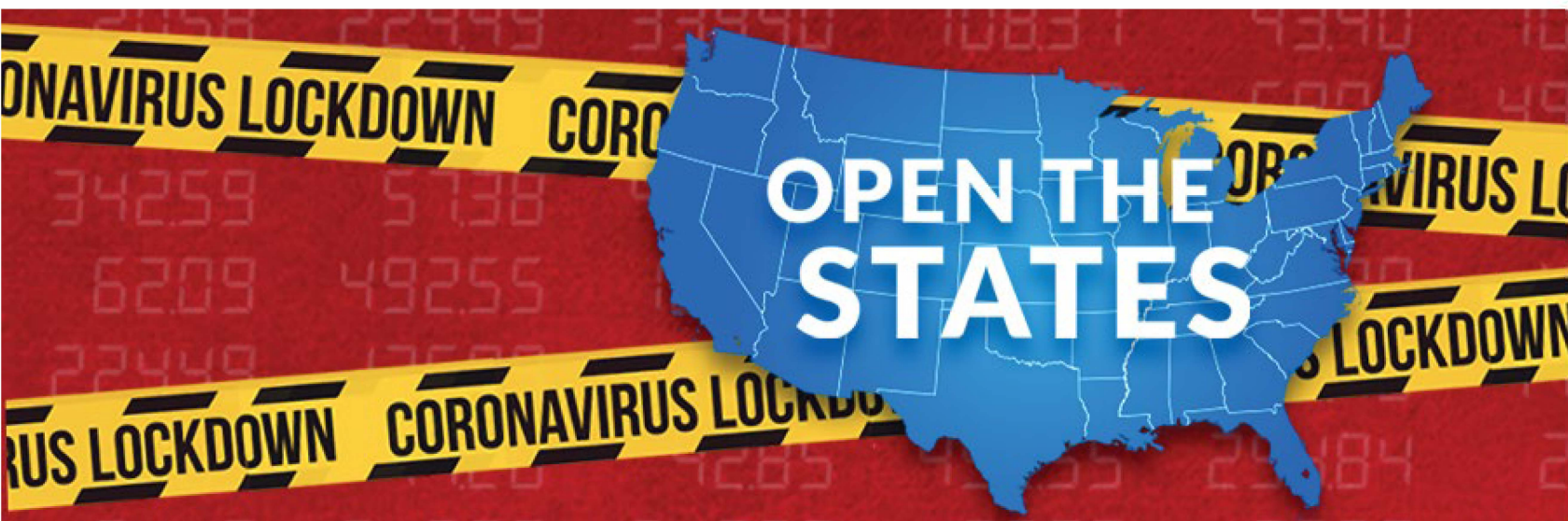
stage plan was designed to build strategic alliances with our state legislators and serve our communities.

Step 1: Check in on legislators, their staff and their families to strengthen relationships.

Step 2: Let legislators know that we wanted to work together to serve the citizens in our district during the shutdown.

Step 3: Encourage legislators not to cede their power but work with our teams to elevate local governance and decision-making during the pandemic (and push back on governors where necessary).

This initiative strengthened our legislative relations and created goodwill within our districts for Convention of States.



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INSIDE THE EFFORT TO OPEN THE STATES

In the early days of the pandemic, the Convention of States Project watched with concern as government officials enacted broad, stringent, and arbitrary executive orders. In response to growing government encroachment with no end in sight, we launched the initiative—Open the States.

As the only grassroots organization with supporters in every state house district in America, we have a unique opportunity – and responsibility – to galvanize our supporters to take a stand for freedom and push against tyranny.

Our grassroots army was not built just to call the convention and to ensure the proper kind of amendments are proposed and ratified, but to hold the line of liberty forevermore. However, this fight to open the states required us to hold the line of liberty at the state level much earlier than originally

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planned. In a matter of days, we were able to launch OpenTheStates.com and push back with state-specific strategies to address draconian mandates.

Over 3 million Americans engaged with us online using tools such as our petition to get in touch with their elected officials. Our censorship-free forums became a central hub and allowed Americans to learn about the latest reopen news and reopen rallies taking place in their states.

Our efforts pushed back the tyranny in states across the country. Here are a few highlights:

In **Texas**, our work led directly to the release and vindication of salon owner Shelley Luther. Luther had been jailed for opening her salon too early, but Convention of States Action President Mark Meckler personally helped organize a rally on her behalf. Within hours of the rally, Governor Greg Abbott had stepped in and Luther was released from jail and salons re-opened across the state.

In **California**, our work pushed Gov. Newsom to relinquish control to the localities, which led to the re-opening of the state. The Reopen

Washington state capitol building.



San Diego group, aided by Open the States, staged a 2,500-person rally in defiance of the city health officials' draconian stay-at-home orders. The council voted 4-1 to ask Gov. Newsom to give San Diego local control, and within days the city had reopened.

In **Michigan**, our partnerships with allies in the state legislature, along with petitions sent by COS activists, lifted the travel ban, ended the motorboat restriction, and jump-started the reopen process. We partnered with our legislative sponsors to push back against Gov. Whitmer's tyrannical orders, as Mark organized business owners across the state. Our OpenTheStates.com forum also gave the reopen movement a way to communicate after Facebook shut down their group with hundreds of thousands of members.

It didn't take long for the leftist media to notice who was behind the movement to open the states. They predictably began to attack, referring to us as a "nimble online outfit." They underestimated our well-networked organization of grassroots activists who have been trained, educated and deployed in every state. Once in a while our opposition gets it right, and they were right to notice our ability to pivot quickly to address tyranny.

We always knew that the self-governing army of Convention of States patriots would be called to respond to different kinds of threats to liberty. Their mettle was tested in the Open the States movement, and they emerged victorious.

Now, they stand ready and equipped to push back against tyranny at all levels of government.

Hundreds rallied at the Pennsylvania state capitol in their cars and on the steps outside the building.

