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Dear Mr. Cochran,

Please accept this letter as a public comment regarding the proposed Black Hills Mining Withdrawal along Rapid Creek with a very pertinent article published 10-18-2024 also enclosed with the General Mining Act of 1872 as the law of the land. I question how you can usurp and arbitrarily circumvent that law. By "allowing" pre-existing mining claims in the area, you tacitly admit that the real authority is contained in the 1872 law. You arbitrarily want to expend your reach because you think you can.

First off, the whole thing is a sham. Claiming this withdrawal effort is in "response to concerns about potential impacts of mining" is your grasp at viability to withdraw public ground from exploration, claim filing, and mining as detailed in the General Mining Act of 1872. Regarding the proposed 20,574 acre withdrawal, this "response to concerns" comes from many of the same emotional unscientific groups that will always be against any mining (even quarrying of gravel and limestone) in the Black Hills and have stymied Edgemont-area uranium mining; even though Cameco's Crow Butte in situ mine in northwest Nebraska has produced about 11.8 million pounds of uranium since 1991 with the hurt feelings of environmentalists being the only negative I know of.

Witness the following quote from government website: "The BLM is pleased to work with the Forest Service on this effort," said BLM Director Tracy Stone-Manning. "This proposal WILL help protect a primary source of drinking water for South Dakotans as the Forest Service assesses a 20-year withdrawal." I capitalized "WILL" for emphasis that the fix is in; and regardless of what serge like me say, the (probably illegal) withdrawal will happen. I rue that my tax dollars are (wasted)



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## Our Current Government Is No Longer Constitutional

By Molly Slag

September 17 was Constitution Day, a day set aside for American patriots to commemorate the moment 237 years ago, when delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed that document. It's all the day when a prominent Philadelphia matron, Elizabeth Willing Powel, ambushed Benjamin Franklin as he left Constitution Hall. Spying Franklin, she pounced with the interrogatory, "Well, Doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?" This is the famous question to which Franklin uttered his famous response: "A republic, if you can keep it!"

Today's patriots commemorate this brief colloquy precisely because of the chilling fact that we haven't "kept" that republic. Since at least WWII, we have let the republic slip through our fingers with the exponential growth of the administrative state.

In *Washington Goes to War*, David Brinkley details how the DC bureaucracy exploded during the war, aided in no small part by FDR's New Deal. Today, notwithstanding that the Constitution makes the federal government a republic and, in Article IV Section 4, guarantees that each of the 50 states is a republic, in all 51 jurisdictions, the republican form has been eclipsed by the administrative bureaucracy that dominates the federal and state governments.



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These administrative bureaucracies are, in effect, a fourth branch of the government in all 51 jurisdictions. These fourth branches are wholly unelected, hence nullifying self-government. These fourth branches enact more laws than their corresponding legislative branches and exercise their own powers of prosecution, adjudication, and sentencing.

Because the personnel of these fourth branches are appointed by the corresponding executive branches and their superintendent deep states, these fourth branch personnel exhibit a distinct cyborg persona, which renders them adverse to the human citizens of the states. Although it might perhaps be justly claimed that we are still in the early stages of this Borg rule, the general outlines and conflicts of that rule are already clearly apparent.

For this reason, the 2024 presidential election is only superficially labeled "Trump versus Harris." Matthew G. Andersson noted it would more correctly be labeled "Trump versus the Federal Borg." And Eric Utter recently pointed out that the US federal government has become a criminal organization.

Although much work remains to be done to flesh out the full ramifications of this concept, even at this early stage of development, two specific Federal Borg wars can be clearly identified.

### (1) The Federal Borg War Against Middle-Class Prosperity

#### (a) The Migrant Invasion

The Federal Borg has imported the migrant waves precisely because the invaders' dependency on the government is calculated to generate the votes that will keep the Federal Borg in power. Along with their political loyalty, they also bring crime, disease, chaos in education, and the dislocation of employment.

#### (b) Banning Practical Energy

A recent Wall Street Journal editorial tells us that notwithstanding the proven sheer impracticality of it, the new greenhouse gas emissions rules that the Environmental Protection Agency promulgated require that battery-powered and plug-in hybrid vehicles

constitute 32% of new automobile sales by 2027, and 71% by 2032. Never mind that EVs are vastly inferior to gasoline-powered vehicles and extremely dangerous because they catch fire in minor accidents.

Still, coal, gas, and nuclear are out, and wind and solar are in. The hills are alive with solar and wind farms, but what do they plan for when the sun's not shining and the wind's not blowing? Where can you find a charging station when you need one, how long will it take to charge your EV, and how far can you drive before you next charge? Since one terrorist with a .22 rifle can take out a substation, we might want to contemplate life without electricity.

## (2) The Federal Borg War Against God

In the fearsome smoke and thunder of Mount Sinai, YHVH made crystal clear that **it matters to Him** how the denizens of Solar III behave toward Him and toward each other, and He delivered ten commands to drive home the point. Searching the first five books of the Bible (also known as the "Torah"), the Jewish sages have ferreted out from the text of the scripture an additional 603 divine commands, making a total of 613 divine commands listed in the Old Testament alone. A handful of those commands that our federal government notoriously transgresses would include the following:

### (a) "Choose Life" (Deuteronomy 30:19)

YHVH commands a pro-life stance and condemns a pro-death stance as profoundly immoral. Yet the sitting Vice President of the US federal government supports unlimited abortion. So does her party, which is the party of the Borg Federal Government and the deep state. The Democrat party is pro-death.

How could Hamas have been possessed of the cold cruelty to carry out the October 7 murders? They boast, "We love death more than you love life!" Given this, how could our best and brightest Ivy League college students demonstrate in support of the Hamas pogrom? Because they choose death!

### (b) "Do not lie with man as with woman. It is an abomination." (Leviticus 18:22)

YHVH condemns homosexuality. Yet the Borg Federal Government supports and protects homosexuality, transgenderism, and all forms of sexual perversion. More than that, this anti-YHVH view is spreading into mainstream Christianity. That is, indeed, an abomination.

### (c) "Be fruitful and Multiply" (Genesis 1:28)

YHVH demands that the human species propagate. Yet the Borg Federal Government supports contemporary feminism, which places career ahead of family.

## Restoring the Republic

Although the original republic of our Founders has fallen by the wayside, it can be restored. First, vigorously prune all useless limbs, such as the Department of Education. Second, vigorously prune all of the retained agencies' useless regulations. And third, require that the surviving regulations in these retained agencies be repealed unless ratified by Congress by a specified future date. These measures will require Congress to go to work and no longer simply rest on the laurels of the agencies.

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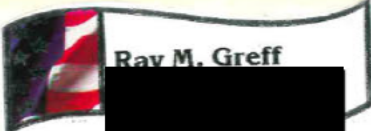
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We have been losing our Constitutional Republic for a long time. It is not a new phenomenon. The beginning was begun during the Woodrow Wilson Administration with the passage of the 17th Amendment. That Amendment stripped the States of their rightful place in our form of Government. It was called Federalism. The Representation in Congress was split into two houses. The first House was to Represent the People and those Representatives were chosen by direct election with a 2 year term. The second was to represent the States which had created the Federal Government. The Representative for the States were chosen by each State Legislature. The current Government is attempting to seal the deal so to speak. Thereby securing Total and Absolute Power and at that point we, the people will have lost our Country! Once that occurs the only way back is via a Civil War.

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