

# Patrick Bohan Libertarian for Congress, CO-7

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## Campaign Update:

- I have been ignored by Republicans and Democrats my entire life. Now that I am running for Congress, one party has asked that I withdraw from the race. Not happening!
- I have visited over 1200 businesses and counting.
- I started small ad buys on X, Meta, and Instagram.
- If you would like Zoom meetings to discuss my campaign, the future of the Libertarian party in Colorado, and most importantly your concerns please email me.

## Campaign Priorities:

- No more polarizing politics
- Protect the rights of ALL citizens equally
- Reduce spending, debt, and taxes
- Secure our borders, not the borders of foreign nations
- Reduce regulations that are strangling businesses
- No more emergency powers for government
- Educational choice
- Provide rural Americans an equal voice in state politics
- Less government, expanding individual freedom, and treating everyone equally will make politics civil again.



## Polarizing Politics:

### OUR GOD-GIVEN FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS



And the Unconstitutional Effort to Mitigate, Infringe, and Violate Our  
God-Given Fundamental Rights

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Why are we so polarized and divided as a nation? Why are people angry and less tolerant? The answer is simple: Our government fails to treat ALL citizens the same. The government takes sides on how we look and think and they pick winners and losers in industry. Instead of protecting what makes us different such as diversity, the government should be protecting what citizens have in common, our rights. Instead of picking winners and losers in industry such as for climate change, the government should subsidize all companies equally by providing them all a tax break. Whether or not companies wish to use their tax savings on green initiatives, that is their choice. We are making government more complicated than it needs to be. The bottom line, the government needs to stop placing a wedge between people and companies.

## Securing Our Borders:

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Secure U.S. Sovereignty,  
not the Sovereignty of  
Ukraine, Israel, or Palestine

It is perplexing that our federal government has time, focus, and money to secure the borders of foreign nations, but not our own borders. This is a travesty since the responsibility of the federal government is to protect both national and individual sovereignty first and foremost. Our economy grows at 2 to 3 million jobs every year to keep pace with legal immigration and natural population growth. It is not practical for 3 to 4 million migrants to enter the U.S. every year since there is not enough job growth. Thus, no matter how good a migrant's intentions are, they will be a burden on society costing taxpayers billions of dollars when American families are already struggling with the inflated cost of living. The focus should not only be on building a wall, but hiring more border agents and putting in place technological surveillance for both the Southern and Northern borders.





## Educational Choice:

Educational choice and parental rights fit together nicely. I say that because in an education case 100 years ago (Pierce v. Society of Sisters), Justice McReynolds enshrined parental rights. McReynolds held that the responsibility for the upbringing of children resides with parents or guardians and not the state, school, and teachers. Thus, parental rights means that parents should get to choose where their child goes to school and their tax dollars should follow them. If the child is homeschooled then that family should get a tax rebate. Parental rights also mean parents should receive permission slips to approve extracurricular activities and they should have the ability to review and approve books and curriculum. Education is the great equalizer in society, not diversity. The bottom line is that education is improved by increasing competition and by encouraging parental oversight.

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**Educational Choice  
and Tax Revenue  
follows the Child**  
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## Government Emergency Powers:

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Restore Commerce and  
Necessary and Proper  
clauses to original meaning  
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Until recently, I believed the government could use emergency powers during a war, economic depression, pandemic, or other catastrophic events to secure the safety and wellbeing of its citizens. Unfortunately, the government has proven time and time again it cannot be trusted with emergency powers. Political parties use national emergencies for the betterment of their power, not the safety of citizens. 9/11 led to the Patriot Act and the power of the government to violate the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment by permitting warrantless searches and seizures of American citizens in the name of national security. Although many Covid restrictions were temporary, there is no doubt that closing schools for over a year will have profound and permanent damage to the development of future Americans.





**It is my opinion that the Great Depression led to the most damaging expansion of government in United States history. For instance, when SCOTUS changed the meaning of the Interstate Commerce Clause from trade between the states to cover anything that was economic in nature, it led to a huge expansion of the federal government. Now, the Interstate Commerce Clause is used to regulate manufacturing, people, crime, intrastate commerce, migratory birds, and labor laws. Expansion of the Interstate Commerce Clause is why we have 21 federal enforcement agencies even though the Constitution dictates federal authority over only 5 types of crimes. Today, there are over 5000 federal statutes and 400,000 regulations with penalties associated with them. The Feds can turn any local crime into a federal offense. What is worse, even the best citizens have unknowingly violated some federal offense.**

**Expansion of the Interstate Commerce Clause is why the federal government can dictate wages, work hours, working age, selling price, product quotas, product bans, and a host of other labor and manufacturing laws that have negatively affected the right to work. For example, a grocer was jailed for selling milk for under 9 cents a quart (*Nebbia v. New York*), a farmer was fined for producing more than the prescribed limit dictated by the Agriculture Adjustment Act (*Wickard v. Filburn*), a dying patient was denied using medical marijuana for pain (*Raich v. Gonzales*), and interstate commerce for filled milk products were prohibited (*US v. Carolene Products*).**

**What is the biggest threat to the United States, it is our politicians who refuse to uphold the Constitution, not any foreign power or terrorism. Russia, China, North Korea, and Iran are not changing our Constitution, it is our politicians. Our government's policy is never to negotiate with terrorists. But that is precisely what they are doing when they deny speech, property, and privacy rights to American citizens when it permits warrantless searches to combat terrorism. Liberty will cease to exist if we continue to erode our constitutional principles.**

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