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### Patrick Bohan Declares Run for Colorado's 7<sup>th</sup> District and Releases His New Book: *Our God-Given Fundamental Rights*



Buena Vista, CO, October 2023 – Had enough anger, polarity, and divisive politics? Patrick Bohan provides Coloradans with a better choice in Colorado's 7<sup>th</sup> district! Patrick's new book, *Our God-Given Fundamental Rights*, details his political philosophy. Patrick, a Libertarian, explains, "The idea of government is simple, but modern society has convoluted the basic constitutional principles enshrined by our Founders in the Constitution beyond recognition."

Patrick continues, "The sole reason people consent to any government is for protection and safety. In other words, for the protection of their essential fundamental rights. Therefore, government officials should not answer to a political party, individual, or majority. Government officials not only take an oath to uphold the Constitution, and by doing so these elected officials are also taking an oath to represent every citizen equally."

Patrick elaborates, "My platform is to focus on solutions by defending the fundamental rights of the American people." In the book, Patrick defines the most essential fundamental rights of humanity, and what criteria fundamental rights should possess to garner constitutional protection, and he highlights the many techniques the government has invented to infringe on the fundamental rights of society.

Patrick becomes passionate when he discusses the fundamental rights each citizen possesses. "Many fundamental rights are enumerated in the Constitution such as free speech, religious liberty, self-defense, justice rights, and property rights. Many more fundamental rights are unenumerated and can be uncovered in historical Supreme Court cases and legislation such as the right to travel, to raise a family, to marry, to obtain knowledge, to work, to contract, to friendships, to privacy, to vote, to profit, to safety and protection, to be represented in government, to equality, to pursue health, and many others."

What criteria do fundamental rights have? Patrick responds by suggesting, "Fundamental rights should be discerned in the first law book of humanity: the Bible. Furthermore, rights should be protected by prior Supreme Court cases and historical legislation. Moreover, fundamental rights should be unanimously accepted by society, independent of the demographics of people, applied equally to all, and non-controversial. Finally, and most importantly, the government cannot create, alter, or improve rights. Governments only have limited powers to protect the fundamental rights of citizens."

What methods does the government use to mitigate rights? Patrick responds, “The government invents new doctrines such as separation of church and state to protect freedom from religion instead of freedom of religion. The government changes the meaning of constitutional clauses and amendments such as the *Taking Clause* which now allows private property to be confiscated for private benefit. The government changed the meaning of fundamental rights such as equality is now equity. The government tries to create and improve fundamental rights such as creating a minimum wage or suggesting healthcare is right. The government applies fundamental rights unequally such as generating diversity policies.”

When it seemed Patrick completed his thought, he was merely catching his breath. He was not done, “The government creates a two-tiered system of fundamental rights such as enumerated rights have more protection than unenumerated rights. The government regulates matters outside their constitutional grants of power such as crime, agriculture, labor laws, and education. The government invents crimes without victims such as criminalizing self-destructive behavior which does not violate the rights of others. The government uses national emergencies to garner permanent grants of power such as using wars, the Great Depression, pandemics, and climate calamities to expand the *Necessary and Proper* and the *Interstate Commerce* clauses.”

Patrick concluded by proposing a few ideas that may bring back the Founder’s constitutional vision. His recommendations include “a balanced budget amendment, presidential line-item veto power, a fundamental rights amendment, educational choice, implementing a fair tax and eliminating the IRS, creating federal term limits, providing a supermajority of states with the authority to nullify unconstitutional national laws, and restoring the original meaning of the *Necessary and Proper Clause*, the *Ninth Amendment*, the *Tenth Amendment*, and the *Interstate Commerce Clause*.”

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