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It has been said: "history does not repeat itself, but it does often rhyme." The period we are now entering rhymes a lot with the era in the French Revolution known as the "reign of terror." During that era, no one was safe: Marie Antoinette on the far right, and Robespierre on the far left, and many in between, ended up imprisoned and even killed by the time the episode was over, many unfairly and without due process of law. It was a secular humanist movement that went off the rails in a fit of rage directed towards those who it regarded as wrongfully privileged or who did not toe the politically correct Leftist Establishment line in every last respect in speech and political activity. It started just with the instrument of imprisonment, but eventually led to the instrument of the guillotine when the prisons were full. For those of you who think you are going to be safe during this period because you are a liberal, or at least not as conservative as Ottawa Impact, I would recommend you read what happened in the French Revolution to liberals like Danton who Robespierre did not think was liberal enough. He was treated analogous to the way liberals JK Rawling, RFK Jr, and Cornell West, and like political moderate Wyoming mayor Kent Vanderwood, are being treated by the Leftist Establishment now. The liberals I cite and many more are being savaged because they fail to toe the Establishment Leftist line on some point. Political moderate Vanderwood is facing various felony charges relating to 2020 political activity. Ironically, Mayor Vanderwood spearheaded the hiring of former Ottawa administrator Shay who had been ousted by Ottawa Impact commissioners. Vanderwood is in no sense an arch-conservative, but he is being unfairly tried in a district court very much slanted against him. No one will be free from the coming dragnet and ruthlessness, and even if you are someone willing to toe the line on every point of the Leftist Establishment, you will be in trouble when the inevitable backlash comes. It is in the interest of everyone in this room from across the political spectrum to avert the dangerous precipice we are racing towards, and which will be magnified when Trump is likely convicted in the Washington, DC trial and likely prohibited from running for President, at the same time the Biden family and Deep State go unpunished for many and various crimes, and there are justifiable questions about election integrity.

The USA's original Christian constitution which was illegally usurped, the Articles of Confederation, holds the key by which to get out from the disaster ahead. First, it would move us away from the globalist empire model to a nation-state model, such that areas in the current empire which do not want to be part of the USA under the Articles of Confederation could peacefully leave and yet establish good working relations with the USA. Second, within the USA, it is very decentralizing, allowing for significant diversity and Christian liberty, while honoring Christ as Lord. It is the globalist DEI approach which in fact does not allow diversity, forcing everyone everywhere to affirm its anti-Biblical tenets, and overthrowing borders so that no state or locality can disagree.

I have been recommending that as a start we have a county-wide referendum, utilizing an open ballot election system, on whether this county should recognize the Articles of Confederation as the rightful national constitution, preceded by a period of discussion and debate on the topic so that the voters would be well informed before they vote. It is consistent with the sort of local, ground-up approach Ottawa Impact has championed. As leaders of this county, God has given you the ability to move us in a direction that can serve as an example to many others- a sound response to our current national crisis.