



### **INQUIRY #3 OF LOCAL AND STATE CIVIL OFFICIALS: THE BORDER PROTECTION RATIONALE FOR RETURN TO THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION**

Dear Sirs:

I have some additional questions regarding our national constitution:

<https://oversight.house.gov/release/border-patrol-chiefs-bidens-border-crisis-is-overwhelming/> Border patrol chiefs have described “Biden’s Border Crisis” as “overwhelming”.

The Federal Supreme Court has ruled that immigration control is an exclusively federal power; the states may not regulate in the area of immigration, even though the Federal Government has done a miserable job at it for decades: "The Federal Government has broad constitutional powers in determining what aliens shall be admitted to the United States, the period they may remain, regulation of their conduct before naturalization, and the terms and conditions of their naturalization ... Under the Constitution, the states are granted no such powers; they can neither add to nor take from the conditions lawfully imposed by Congress upon admission, naturalization and residence of aliens in the United States or the several states." (<https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/federal-role-immigration/>)

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/opinion/states-are-taking-a-constitutional-approach-to-the-border-crisis-ignoring-the-bureaucracy-of-big-government/>: “The crisis at the nation’s southern border has grown exponentially. Some states are beginning to take an approach to this crisis that would appear to be more in line with the Founding Fathers’ vision of America than what America has evolved (or devolved, depending on one’s perspective) into. Instead of waiting on the federal government to act, states are taking matters into their own hands. Texas is transferring \$250 million from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to a disaster fund to build its own wall along the border with Mexico. While technically this is the federal government’s responsibility, if the federal government is unwilling or unable to act, the Founding Fathers would have been more than enthusiastic to see local governments taking this duty up for themselves. The Founders greatly distrusted a strong centralized government, as evidenced by the weak Articles of Confederation that they wrote to organize the country.” Nevertheless, the states are hamstrung by the Federal Constitution in doing this.

The Articles of Confederation read: “every state shall always keep up a well regulated and disciplined militia, sufficiently armed and accoutered, and shall provide and constantly have ready for use, in public stores, a due number of field pieces and tents, and a proper quantity of arms, ammunition and camp equipage.” Each state was empowered and allowed to stop invasion by foreigners.

Is not the proper response to the loss of border control in the USA a return to the Articles of Confederation which will empower states and localities to do this job which the Federal Government has not done?

Sincerely,

Note: For any questions about this inquiry, contact J. Parnell McCarter at [puritansinfo@gmail.com](mailto:puritansinfo@gmail.com). Any response to these questions should follow legal and peaceful process, as also made clear at [www.puritans.net](http://www.puritans.net). The Lord Jesus Christ, and those who seek that His kingdom would come, will prevail by legal means, and we do not need to resort to illegality, unlike those in rebellion against Him.