



## INQUIRY #4 OF LOCAL AND STATE CIVIL OFFICIALS: ECONOMIC RATIONALE FOR RETURN TO THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION

Dear Sirs:

I have some additional questions regarding our national constitution:

1. <https://www.bizpacreview.com/2023/04/28/bidens-irs-seeks-armed-enforcement-agents-nationwide-1354185/> (along with other media outlets) reports: “The Internal Revenue Service is looking to hire armed special agents nationwide as the Biden regime seeks to beef up enforcement after Congress approved nearly \$80 billion in additional funding for the agency last year as a part of the Orwellian-titled Inflation Reduction Act...The IRS was given the green light to hire 87,000 new agents with the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act that Biden signed into law last summer despite warnings from Republican lawmakers of an army of government enforcers that will shake down ordinary Americans to fund the regime’s costly climate initiatives.” We do not yet know how many will be armed. In contrast, under the Articles of Confederation, collection of taxes was left with the states and localities, who are more accountable to the citizens of the given state or locality. The Founders in 1776 were fearful of empowering a national bureaucracy with the power to collect taxes. Were the Founders correct to be fearful and so prohibited the national government from being able to tax?

2. <https://www.businessinsider.com/the-failure-of-money-2012-9#:~:text=Fiat%20currency%20has%20reigned%20in,and%20others%20surviving%20for%20centuries> :“Since the end of the Gold Standard in 1971, the US dollar has lost over 80 percent of its purchasing power due to the uninhibited money creation of the Federal Reserve. Fiat currency, a system by which a currency only retains its value by “fiat” or decree by a government, leaves a central bank free to create money from thin air, reducing the value of the currency already in circulation. Fiat currency has reigned in the last forty years, but every fiat currency that has existed in history has eventually failed.” There are efforts in various states like Texas to pass “a bill to create 100% reserve gold and silver-backed transactional currencies. Enactment of this legislation would create an option for people to conduct business in sound money, set the stage to undermine the Federal Reserve’s monopoly on money, and possibly create a viable alternative to a central bank digital currency... Broadly speaking, by making gold and silver conveniently available for regular, daily transactions by the general public, gold and silver-backed digital currency would create the potential for a wide-reaching effect. Professor William Greene, an expert on constitutional tender, said in [a paper for the Mises Institute](#) that when people in multiple states actually start using gold instead of Federal Reserve notes, it would effectively nullify the Federal Reserve and end the federal government’s monopoly on money...The Federal Reserve destroys this constitutional monetary system by creating a monopoly based on its fiat currency. Without the backing of gold or silver, the central bank can easily create money out of thin air. This not only devalues your purchasing power over time; it also allows the federal government to borrow and spend far beyond what would be possible in a sound money system. Without the Fed, the U.S. government wouldn’t be able to maintain all of its unconstitutional wars and programs.” (see <https://blog.tenthamentendmentcenter.com/2023/05/texas-committee-passes-bill-to-create-100-reserve-gold-and-silver-backed-transactional-currencies/>). The challenge to the states doing this, unlike under the Articles of Constitution, is that the Federal Government under the Federal Constitution can and does tax such commodity-based money systems, making them disadvantageous. In order to return to a sound money system, do states not also need to return to the original US constitution?

Sincerely,

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