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Dear Governor Perry:

The enclosed two essays—one from my blog today, the other from *The Weekly Standard* of July 21—impliedly make two important points about the 2014 and 2016 elections.

As the first two links above reveal, I taught constitutional law and administrative law for over twenty years and for longer than that have been a staunch conservative. So I bring some credibility to the following observations.

I'll be brief.

Constitutional law. My blog makes the point that candidates should stop referring to “states’ rights” because the Tenth Amendment reserves to the states and the people not rights but *power*. I emphasize this because candidate’s arguments that the plethora of Tenth Amendment violations committed by the President and Congress are at the expense of state rights are simply mistaken. Violations are at the expense of state and people power—and more to the point, *at the expense of state sovereignty*. The candidates’ argument must be that *it is the states’ and the people’s sovereignty that is under attack*. My blog has a further explanation.

Administrative law. It is not enough for a candidate to rail merely against the administrative state’s “overregulation.” A political candidate must do two other things. One, of course, is the concrete damage that “overregulation” does. More important, by far, is to make the case that the administrative state is manifestly unconstitutional, an anachronistic violation of the Constitution’s Article I, II, and III express delegations of power to the legislature, executive, and judiciary. And thus anti-democratic. *The Weekly Standard* has a lengthier explanation.

Sincerely,