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CON CON

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✓ Prop 1 is on the back of the ballot. **Turn to the back. Stop the attack.**

A con con is **Pandora's Box**. Here are some **things at stake**:

Stop Greed, Corruption & Insider Politics

- **At least \$350 MILLION** in taxpayer dollars will be lavished on a Constitutional Convention.
- Delegates will pocket **\$80,000** each.
- Delegates who hold NYS office will get their **full salary AND their convention paychecks** at the same time. That's **double dipping** for hundreds of politicians.
- Delegates get paid every year. For unlimited years. Plus, they can hire family members and cronies for their staffs and pay them, too.
- Delegates don't have to accomplish anything to be paid. It's a **boondoggle**.
- At the last convention in 1967, **4 of 5** delegates were Albany insiders.
- No serious person can expect a convention of Albany insiders to take on Albany's culture of corruption. **They never have.**

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Stop Waste & Inefficiency

- The NYS Constitution can be changed at any time through **amendments**. There is no need for a long, costly, inefficient convention.
- The Constitution has been **amended 200+ times** since 1894.
- After the last Con Con in 1967, voters **rejected EVERY SINGLE CHANGE** that the delegates proposed. After spending tens of millions of dollars, the convention accomplished nothing.

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Protect Cops, Firefighters & First Responders

- Article 5 protects cops, firefighters, nurses & first responders by guaranteeing the retirement safety they've earned on our streets
- PBA (Police Benevolent Association): the statewide **police** organization rejects con con
- NYSPPFA (NYS Professional Firefighters Association): the statewide **firefighters** organization rejects con con
- NYSNA (NYS Nurses Association): the statewide **nurses** organization rejects con con
- UEMSO (Uniformed EMS Officers): the statewide **EMS** organization rejects con con

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Preserve Wildlife, Trees, Parks and Open Space

- Article 14 promises that places like the Catskills and Adirondacks “**shall be forever kept as wild forest lands**”
- Con con would expose lands to **clear-cut logging, fracking and development**
- Sierra Club, Food and Water Watch, Adirondack Council, Friends of the Forest, Protect the Adirondacks, Environmental Advocates of NY, ADK Mountain Club— these are just some of the **environmental groups that oppose the con con**

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Defend Kids, Public Schools and Teachers

- Article 11 guarantees **all children the right to a free public education**
- Advocates of **vouchers, religious schools, privatization and charter schools** want a con con so they can diminish our constitutional right to public schools
- One of the changes adopted at the last convention in 1967 allowed public monies to be used to pay for religious schools. If voters hadn't rejected it, **our entire public education system would have changed drastically.**
- Article 5 protects **teachers'** safe retirement after decades of service to children.

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Shield The Vulnerable

- Article 17 protects the **vulnerable** by guaranteeing the “aid, care and support of the needy”
- Mental health, public health, SNAP, veterans' services, HEAP & elder care are just some of the programs operated under the umbrella of article 17

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Stand for Working People

- Article 1 promises that **labor**—like electricians, steelworkers & plumbers— can form unions
- Right-to-work predators want to use the con con to turn NY into an **anti-worker** state like Wisconsin or Alabama
- Article 1 guarantees **workers comp** for people injured on the job
- AFL-CIO, CSEA, NSYUT, IBEW and **unions** across the state oppose con con

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Sustain Political Diversity

In addition to all the organizations noted above, here are just a few more of the **100+ coalition partners that have formed New Yorkers Against Corruption** to oppose the con con:

- **LEFT:** Working Families Party | Equality NY | Planned Parenthood | NAACP | LGBT Network | Se hace camino Nueva York (Make the Road NY) | LI Progressive Coalition
- **RIGHT:** Conservative Party | Council of Churches | NYS Rifle & Pistol Association | NYS Right to Life | NYS Republican Party

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- Prop 1: “Shall there be a convention to revise the Constitution and amend the same?”
- Prop 1 is on the **BACK** of the ballot! **Turn the ballot over and vote NO!**