



*“Where the people fear the government you have tyranny. Where the government fears the people you have liberty.”*

John Basil Barnhill

## What you can do

- **Read and know your Constitution and Bill of Rights.**
- **Do not consent** to unconstitutional actions. Exercise your first amendment right to voice dissent from government’s actions.
- **Get informed.** Know the government agent’s limits and the boundaries of his/her authority. Check out this webpage for information regarding your rights in the face of a public servant’s interaction with your business:  
<http://www.farmtoconsumer.org/farm-raids.html>
- **Ask your public servants** if they believe the Constitution is the supreme law of the land, and would they send you a copy of their oath of office.
- **Attend public meetings** and remind your public servants of their oath.



**...AND THE PURSUIT OF (PROPERTY)**

*The Constitution is not an instrument for the government to restrain the people; it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government -- lest it come to dominate our lives and interests.”*

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*Why your rights to your property matter.*

## Is the Constitution the supreme law of the land?

“Supreme”: That which is superior to all other things; as the supreme power of the state, which is an authority over all others. (Bouvier’s Law Dictionary, 1856 ed.)

“This Constitution...shall be the supreme law of the land; and the judges in every state shall be bound thereby...” (United States Constitution, Article 6, Section 1, Clause 2)



***“I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this state, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of attorney general to the best of my ability.” - William Duncan “Bill” Schuette***

*No person shall be... deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.*

United States Constitution,  
Amendment V

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*“That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed...” Declaration of Independence*

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*Amendment IX: The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.*

*Amendment X: The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States (society of men) respectively, or to the people.*

## Who enforces this oath?

We, the people belonging to a society of men (State), must be the enforcers of this contract.

“State”: A body politic, or society of men, united together for the purpose of promoting their mutual safety and advantage, by the joint efforts of their combined strength. (Black’s Law Dictionary, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., pg. 1105)

***“A Constitution is not the act of a Government, but of a people constituting a government, and a government without a constitution is a power without right.” Thomas Paine***

Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act 451 of 1994:

324.503 “The department (Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Quality) has the power and jurisdiction over the management, control, and disposition of all land under the *public domain*.”

324.301 **“Public domain...**means all land owned by the state or land deeded to the state under state law.”