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Bailout Beginning Not End of Battle Against State

After a brief, but thrilling, defeat of the bailout bill in the House, the battle was lost. But, the bailout is not the end. The battle against the state has just begun.

For one brief moment the American people made their voices heard on the bailout, forcing the House of Representatives to blink. Soon enough, the Senate - [unconstitutionally](#) - took up the bailout bill, loaded it with goodies and returned it to the House, which approved it with no time to adequately review it or allow public comment. While the final passage of the bailout is discouraging to supporters of the free market and constitutional government, it is just the beginning of the battle against the state.

So, now what can we do to fight [Fedzilla](#)? Join the [Campaign for Liberty](#) as a [precinct leader](#). The membership will cost \$35.00 per year but you will receive the following benefits:

*Receive periodic updates on events, news and legislation (Non-Member, Member, Precinct Leader)

*Receive action alerts to get involved (Non-Member, Member, Precinct Leader)

*Your own page on site (Member, Precinct Leader)

*A personal blog (Member, Precinct Leader)

*Network with other freedom-lovers (Member, Precinct Leader)

*RSVP for events in your area (Member, Precinct Leader)

*Leadership Training (Precinct Leader)

*Enhanced organizing tools (Precinct Leader)

*Post Calendar Events (Precinct Leader)

*Access to exclusive information (Precinct Leader)

*Guaranteed 24 hour response to questions (Precinct Leader)

*Exclusive Invitations to Campaign for Liberty (CFL) Events (Precinct Leader)

*Network with CFL leaders to develop a nationwide organization (Precinct Leader)

I have joined the Campaign for Liberty as a Precinct Leader and am impressed so far. They have very good training materials on grassroots politics. They have responded to questions within 24 hours as promised. I'm not going to give away all that the Precinct Leadership program has to offer, but it will definitely be worth your time to get involved and make a difference starting from the ground up.

Join [Downsize DC](#). In my opinion, Downsize DC has a clear [vision](#) of the challenges posed by our current political system. Their [philosophy and strategy](#) don't depend on any particular political party being in power. They are action oriented. Downsize DC not only reacts to whatever the current crisis is, but advocates to change how the political game is played by advocating new laws such as: [Read the Bills Act](#), [One Subject at a Time Act](#), [Write the Laws Act](#), [Enumerated Powers Act](#), the [Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2007](#) and many [other campaigns](#). Their [Educate the Powerful](#) system allows you to educate your elected representative and make your voice heard at the same time. I think that while their methods differ, membership in both the Campaign for Liberty and Downsize DC is essential to bring about change.

Learn about the issues before Congress and then use social networking to spread the word. One site I use is [OpenCongress](#). They have an excellent set of [tools](#) ranging from a Facebook Application to a "Congress I'm Watching" Widget where you can post what bills you are watching and your opinion on them on your blog, web site, social networking site, etc. Check out the full range of [tools](#) and [join](#) OpenCongress today.

Don't forget how your [Representative](#) or [Senate](#) voted on the bailout. Even though the sin of voting for the bailout was bad enough, you might reserve some special punishment for those who [switched](#) their votes in the House. Whether you vote your Representative or Senator out of office, withhold financial support, write or call their office, write a letter to the editor, tell your friends, send a letter to their office, or run for office to unseat them - be sure to do something so your elected officials know you won't take it anymore. Senators can be [recalled](#) in the following 18 states:

*Alaska

*Arizona

*California

*Colorado

*Georgia

*Idaho

*Kansas

*Louisiana

*Michigan

*Minnesota

*Montana

*Nevada

*New Jersey

*North Dakota

*Oregon

*Rhode Island

*Washington

*Wisconsin

Don't give up. Keep watching the actions of your elected representatives. It isn't easy keeping track of what Congress and the Executive are doing, but it is necessary. Sometimes we will win and sometimes we will lose. Sometimes we may win one battle only to discover that, under cover of darkness, they have passed a bad piece of legislation. No matter what, we have to continue the fight. Remember, we are fighting for the future of our country, for freedom, for liberty, for the Constitution, for ourselves and future generations. The bailout is just the beginning of a longer struggle against an out of control state. We must never let people forget about this unconstitutional decision by Congress. We must point out every failure of this bailout. We must educate others about [sound economic theory](#) so that misinformation, misunderstanding, half-truths and lies can be countered with truth. This isn't over. We won't forget. We won't give up. We may have lost this battle, but we will win the war against the state.

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