

Dear

I believe the Constitution of the United States was meant to be the supreme law of the land. In fact, Article VI doesn't stop there. It requires all state and federal legislators and all state and federal executive and judicial officers to be bound by oath or affirmation "to support" the Constitution. I'm betting that local government officers take such an oath, as well, and I know the President of the United States must take this more specific oath or affirmation:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of the President of the United States, and will to the best of my Ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

And, although not required, most Presidents have taken their oath on the Bible and I think all Presidents added "so help me God" at the end.

As one of your constituents, I am concerned that far too many public servants have forgotten that oaths mean something and that the Constitution (the rule of law) is to be respected. In their defense, it is highly likely that many who take such an oath do not know what they are promising to support because they have never really studied its meaning. How do you think Congress, for example, would do on a Constitution quiz?

I am asking you to consider offering the ELL Constitution Club program to your governmental body. Please go to this website – [ellconstitutionclubs.com](http://ellconstitutionclubs.com) – and review the "Oath with Integrity Project" to learn more. I believe our community, State and Nation would be well served by understanding promises made to voters and I would be very proud to say someday that my representative has graduated from this truly American endeavor. Please bring this to the attention of your colleagues and make us proud.

Thank you,