Our Standing Ground

The Constitution. The mere name of it roars with justice and freedom. It envelops our nation with pride found nowhere else. Our freedoms, our rights, bundled into a document that has set us free for years. One dictionary definition of constitution is "a way in which a thing is composed or made up". In this manner, our Constitution is our way of composing our rights. Beethoven composed symphonies, America composed freedoms. Many different instruments playing diverse notes together can create a beautiful song, just like many different articles of privileges can work together to create our beautiful freedoms. And our Constitution is living proof of that. How does it set us free? It states our freedoms and loyalties that keeps us, both as individuals and as a country, unbound. How does it keep us free? It is written and signed with the ink that was the product of many lost lives; lives that were lost for freedom. Ever since the ink stained the crisp paper creating this momentous paper, it has given us our authorities, and no one can take them away.

Establishing our rights, the Constitution defines who we are as a country. Can you take away something that is a symbol of who you are? Can anyone eliminate the basis of your morals? "The Constitution is the guide which I never will abandon," stated George Washington. In light of this statement, we are reminded to never abandon the Constitution because it is our standpoint, the foundation of our nation, the reason we are united. This document is what every single president and leader should go to as a reference. It proclaims boldly our freedoms and speaks to us despite national conflicts. It puts a fire inside our souls that makes us proud of our

country. If we stand firm and never let anyone take away the testimony of our country, only then can no one ever take away our rights.

Not only is the Constitution an unbreakable, immovable statute, but it is also the people's rock that we can trust to represent us when our voices are not heard. In government it stands above all in authority and protects us, the people. With strong arms it can push back the laws that threaten our freedom. It holds firm as a safe ground that gives us the stance we need to defend ourselves and our rights. It is ever supporting, always true, never weak, and consistently inspiring us to strongly represent ourselves. This flaming document gives us a clear understanding of our nation's boundaries, where we may stand, and how we can express our rights. The fire that is burning within every sentence of the Constitution engulf us in its flame, but the words of this document alone cannot help us, it's the people that hold firm to its precepts that protect our liberties. As long as this fire continues to smolder inside of our leaders, there is nothing that can take us down as a nation.

Many times, the government has tried to infringe upon our rights in order to make our nation more "peaceful". Not only does this not make for a better country, but it also assists in quietly stealing the privileges that we have. For instance, lately the government has tried to pass a new gun law. When presented with this, it sounds as if it will make our country much safer, when in reality, it is only gaining more control over our lives. Thankfully, the Constitution seeks to free us from this potential bondage. By firmly setting our rights in stone, this document is the protector we need. It has been inspiring us to strive for our freedoms all our lives. The government can take away the Constitution itself, but they can never take away the impact it has left with many people that live in this country. Even if the document that has proclaimed our rights is snuffed out, its lasting impression will never leave us when we stick to our convictions.

We know what freedom is because of the Constitution, and no one can haul away our love for freedom. If ever the Constitution is taken away from us, it has still taught us to be proud and fight for our rights.

Abraham Lincoln states clearly, "Don't interfere with anything in the Constitution. That must be maintained, for it is the only safeguard of our liberties." If we preserve this, our abilities to express ourselves are protected. The document gives us a voice, so that it may speak through us. Another dictionary definition of constitution is "the physical character of the body as to strength, health, etc." According to this, constitution is the strength in one's body. Our nation is the body, the Constitution gives us our strength. It protects our rights. How does it do this? By standing firm, never changing, and being our symbol. By being the hope for our country.