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To: United States Term Limits
From: John McLaughlin
Re: Georgia Statewide – Executive Summary
Date: December 2, 2015

Survey Summary:

The results of our recently completed survey show that voters in Georgia overwhelmingly believe in implementing term limits on members of Congress. Support for term limits is broad and strong across all political, geographic and demographic groups. An overwhelming 82% of voters approve of a Constitutional Amendment that will place term limits on members of Congress. The leading reasons among those who approve of term limits for Congress are: *need for change* 16%, *in office too long* 12% and *career politicians* 12%. Eight-in-ten voters (80%) would want their state representative and state senator to vote in favor of a constitutional convention to implement term limits on members of Congress.

Do you approve or disapprove of a Constitutional Amendment that will place term limits on members of Congress?

	Total	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	A.A.	White
Approve	**82%**	**87%**	**74%**	**85%**	**74%**	**85%**
Strongly	59%	60%	50%	68%	55%	60%
Somewhat	23%	27%	23%	17%	18%	25%
Disapprove	**13%**	**8%**	**19%**	**9%**	**18%**	**11%**
Somewhat	6%	4%	9%	6%	10%	5%
Strongly	6%	4%	11%	3%	9%	6%
D.K./Refused	**6%**	**5%**	**7%**	**6%**	**8%**	**5%**

**African American voters are abbreviated as "A.A."*

If the state legislatures of two-thirds of the states vote to call a constitutional convention to propose an amendment to place term limits on members of Congress, would you want your state senator and state representative to vote yes or no on this bill?

	Total	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	A.A.	White
Yes	**80%**	**83%**	**74%**	**82%**	**72%**	**82%**
No	**9%**	**7%**	**12%**	**10%**	**13%**	**9%**
Undecided	**11%**	**10%**	**14%**	**8%**	**15%**	**9%**

Three-in-four Georgia voters, 76%, are substantially more likely to vote for a candidate for State Legislature who supports implementing term limits on Congress, 48% are much more likely. Nearly two-in-three voters, 61%, say that they would be less likely to vote for a candidate who opposes implementing term limits on members of Congress, 43% much less likely. Seven-in-ten voters, 70%, are more likely to vote for their state legislator if this legislator voted to place term limits on Congress through a constitutional convention, even though these legislators do not currently have term limits on themselves.

Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate for State Legislature who <u>supports</u> implementing term limits for members of Congress?

	Total	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	A.A.	White
More Likely	**76%**	**81%**	**69%**	**81%**	**71%**	**79%**
Much More	48%	54%	42%	46%	41%	51%
Somewhat More	29%	26%	27%	35%	31%	28%
Less Likely	**12%**	**9%**	**19%**	**7%**	**16%**	**10%**
Somewhat Less	4%	3%	8%	1%	7%	3%
Much Less	8%	6%	11%	6%	9%	7%
No Difference	**6%**	**5%**	**6%**	**9%**	**8%**	**6%**
D.K./Refused	**5%**	**5%**	**6%**	**3%**	**5%**	**5%**

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Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate for State Legislature who <u>opposes</u> implementing term limits for members of Congress?

	Total	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	A.A.	White
More Likely	**24%**	**24%**	**23%**	**26%**	**28%**	**23%**
Much More	11%	14%	11%	8%	11%	12%
Somewhat More	12%	10%	12%	17%	17%	11%
Less Likely	**61%**	**63%**	**58%**	**64%**	**55%**	**64%**
Somewhat Less	18%	20%	17%	17%	16%	19%
Much Less	43%	43%	41%	47%	39%	45%
No Difference	**9%**	**7%**	**10%**	**9%**	**9%**	**9%**
D.K./Refused	**6%**	**6%**	**10%**	**2%**	**9%**	**5%**

At present the Georgia State Legislature does NOT have term limits on itself. However, if your state legislator voted to place term limits on Congress through a constitutional convention, in the next statewide election, would that make you more likely or less likely to vote for your state legislator?

	Total	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	A.A.	White
More Likely	**70%**	**69%**	**67%**	**76%**	**70%**	**70%**

Much More	44%	44%	41%	49%	46%	43%
Somewhat More	25%	25%	26%	27%	24%	27%
Less Likely	**14%**	**14%**	**17%**	**10%**	**16%**	**13%**
Somewhat Less	7%	6%	9%	5%	8%	6%
Much Less	7%	8%	8%	5%	8%	7%
No Difference	**10%**	**10%**	**9%**	**11%**	**6%**	**11%**
D.K./Refused	**7%**	**8%**	**8%**	**4%**	**8%**	**6%**

Conclusions:

Georgia voters overwhelmingly support calling a constitutional convention to place term limits on members of Congress. The intensity of this support is measured in their drive to vote for state legislators who will vote "yes" on term limits, and against those who will vote "no" against term limits for members of Congress.

Methodology:

This statewide poll of 500 likely general election voters in Georgia was conducted from November 30th, 2015 through December 1st, 2015.

All interviews were conducted via telephone by professional interviewers. Interview selection was random within predetermined election units. 150 interviews were completed on cell-phones. These samples were then combined and structured to correlate with actual voter turnout in a general election.

This statewide poll of 500 likely general election voters in Georgia has an accuracy of +/- 4.4% at a 95% confidence interval.

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Key Demographics:

Party:

	Total
Republican	38%
Democrat	36%

Race:

Independent/Other/Refused	27%

Gender:

	Total
Men	45%
Women	55%

Other	4%
Refused	1%

Age:

	Total
18-29	15%
30-40	16%
41-55	30%
56-65	16%
Over 65	23%

Ideology:

	Total
Liberal	22%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	46%

	Total
White	64%
Hispanic	1%
African American	29%
Asian	1%

Interview:

	Total
Cell	30%
Landline	70%

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