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To: United States Term Limits
From: John McLaughlin
Re: Maine Statewide – Executive Summary
Date: August 9, 2017

Survey Summary:

The results of our recently completed survey show that voters in Maine 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. Seven-in-ten voters, 69%, 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: *people stay in too long 16*%, *new blood/ideas* 12% and *stagnant/complacent* 11%. Two-thirds of voters (67%) would want their state representative and state senator to vote in favor of an amendment proposing 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.	White	Non-White
Approve	**69%**	**78%**	**62%**	**68%**	**71%**	**51%**
Strongly	46%	60%	40%	41%	47%	42%
Somewhat	23%	19%	22%	26%	24%	10%
Disapprove	**22%**	**18%**	**27%**	**21%**	**20%**	**33%**
Somewhat	10%	7%	14%	12%	10%	20%
Strongly	11%	11%	13%	9%	11%	13%
D.K./Refused	**10%**	**4%**	**11%**	**12%**	**9%**	**16%**

If the state legislatures of two-thirds of the states vote to call an amendment proposing convention to recommend 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.	White	Non-White
Yes	**67%**	**77%**	**60%**	**65%**	**68%**	**49%**
No	**18%**	**17%**	**23%**	**13%**	**16%**	**32%**
Undecided	**15%**	**6%**	**18%**	**22%**	**15%**	**20%**

Two-in-three Maine voters, 66%, are more likely to vote for a candidate for State Legislature who supports implementing term limits on Congress, 30% are much more likely. Approximately six-in-ten voters, 62%, say that they would be less likely to vote for a candidate who opposes implementing term limits on members of Congress, 31% much less likely. Three-in-four voters, 75%, believe it is unfair that Maine's State office-holders are term-limited, while Congress gets to play by their own set of rules and can hold public office for life.

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.	White	Non-White
More Likely	**66%**	**76%**	**57%**	**65%**	**67%**	**48%**
Much More	30%	41%	21%	28%	30%	32%
Somewhat More	36%	35%	36%	37%	37%	16%
Less Likely	**15%**	**8%**	**24%**	**12%**	**14%**	**19%**
Somewhat Less	9%	4%	14%	7%	9%	13%
Much Less	6%	4%	10%	4%	6%	6%
No Difference	**10%**	**11%**	**12%**	**9%**	**10%**	**13%**
D.K./Refused	**9%**	**6%**	**7%**	**14%**	**8%**	**20%**

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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.	White	Non-White
More Likely	**18%**	**15%**	**23%**	**16%**	**16%**	**26%**
Much More	6%	7%	9%	5%	6%	6%
Somewhat More	11%	8%	15%	11%	11%	20%
Less Likely	**62%**	**70%**	**56%**	**60%**	**64%**	**42%**
Somewhat Less	31%	31%	32%	29%	32%	23%
Much Less	31%	40%	24%	31%	33%	19%
No Difference	**10%**	**10%**	**11%**	**9%**	**9%**	**19%**
D.K./Refused	**11%**	**6%**	**10%**	**16%**	**11%**	**13%**

In 1993, Maine residents voted to place term limits on state office-holders, however, elected officials on the federal level in Maine were exempt from this law. Do you think it's fair or unfair that members of Congress are allowed to play by separate rules and can hold public office for life?

	Total	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	White	Non-White
Fair	**16%**	**12%**	**20%**	**13%**	**15%**	**26%**
Very	8%	6%	9%	7%	7%	16%
Somewhat	8%	7%	11%	7%	8%	10%
Unfair	**75%**	**82%**	**73%**	**74%**	**76%**	**68%**
Somewhat	21%	26%	25%	12%	20%	31%
Very	54%	57%	47%	62%	55%	36%
D.K./Refused	**9%**	**6%**	**8%**	**12%**	**10%**	**7%**

Conclusions:

Voters in Maine overwhelmingly support calling an amendment proposing 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 poll of 400 likely general election voters in Maine, was conducted on June 22nd, 2017 through June 25th, 2017.

All interviews were conducted via telephone by professional interviewers. Interview selection was random within predetermined election units. 140 interviews (35%) were completed on cell-phones. These samples were then combined and structured to correlate with actual voter turnout in a general election.

This poll of 400 likely general election voters in Maine, has an accuracy of +/- 4.9% at a 95% confidence interval.

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Key Demographics:

Party:

	Total
Republican	31%
Democrat	33%
Independent/Other/Refused	33%

Gender:

	Total
Men	47%
Women	53%

Ideology:

	Total
Liberal	26%
Moderate	36%
Conservative	34%

Race:

	Total
White	**88%**
Non-White	**8%**
Hispanic	1%
African American	2%
Asian	1%
Other	4%
Refused	**4%**

Age:

	Total
18-29	8%
30-40	16%
41-55	25%
56-65	24%
Over 65	25%

Interview:

	Total
Cell	35%
Landline	65%

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