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U.S. Term Limits asks Arkansas legislature to remove anti-term limits amendment from ballot

October 22nd, 2013, Fairfax, VA--U.S. Term Limits, the nation's oldest and most successful term limits advocacy organization, has officially sent letters to every member of the Arkansas General Assembly asking that they work to remove the anti-term limits amendment from the Nov. 2014 ballot.

"I can't find any polls suggesting that the people of Arkansas want legislators' upping their own term limits from six to sixteen years in one seat," said USTL President Philip Blumel. "This is really just something the politicians have cooked up for themselves."

To make his point clear to the legislature, Blumel sent out two sets of letters: one thanking the 16 legislators who voted against the bill, and another calling on the other 118 members to change their minds.

Public opinion backs up Blumel's pro-term limits sentiment. In a [poll](#) conducted this month by Talk Business Research and Hendrix College, only 32% of Arkansas voters said they supported an anti-term limits amendment.

As for the prospect of removing the amendment, there is precedent. The Florida legislature attempted to weaken its own term limits in 2005, but concerned citizens didn't stand for it. Their swift and noisy reaction moved the Florida Legislature to strip it from the ballot in 2006.

Blumel knows the same passion and energy will reach the elected leaders of Arkansas.

"Citizens in your district will see your vote as purely a self-serving attempt to lengthen your own time in office," he writes. "This will be viewed as what it is, a trick."

As part of USTL's efforts to protect term limits in Arkansas, it is spotlighting four "pledge breakers" – current members of the assembly who pledged before the election to never lengthen Arkansas' term limits, then voted to do exactly that. These violators are Bob Ballinger (R-97) and Randy Alexander (R-88) in the House, along with David Sanders (R-15) and Gary Stubblefield (R-6) in the Senate.