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U.S. Term Limits Praises Joan McCarty Lasonde for Signing Term Limits Pledge

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Term Limits (USTL), the leader in the national movement to limit terms for elected officials, today praised Illinois U.S. House candidate Joan McCarty Lasonde (District 9) for signing its congressional term limits pledge.

In November of 2014, 14 new U.S. Term Limits pledge signers were elected to Congress – including five new U.S. Senators.

USTL President Philip Blumel commented on Lasonde’s pledge, saying, “Joan’s support of term limits honors the 80 percent of Illinois voters who are behind the idea. America needs a Congress that will be served by citizen legislators, not career politicians.”

The U.S. Term Limits Amendment Pledge is provided to every announced candidate for federal office. It reads, “I pledge that as a member of Congress I will cosponsor and vote for the U.S. Term Limits amendment of three (3) House terms and two (2) Senate terms and no longer limit.”

The U.S. Term Limits Constitutional Amendment has been introduced in both the U.S. Senate by Senator David Vitter (R-LA) and the House of Representatives by Representative Matt Salmon (R-AZ).

Blumel noted, “Over the last few years, Illinois has seen a groundswell of citizen activism for term limits. Despite the growth of this bipartisan movement, Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky has remained stubbornly opposed to the idea.”

According to an October poll on term limits conducted by the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, the issue enjoys wide bi-partisan support in Illinois. The poll showed that 80% of Illinois voters support term limits. Another October survey by Rasmussen found that 74% of Americans back limits on Congress.

Rasmussen’s analysis stated: “Voters agree more strongly than ever with the need for term limits.”

Blumel concluded, “America is in trouble. Our career politicians have let the people down. It is time to limit their terms and return control of our nation to people who have actually had to create a job, earn an honest paycheck and pay a mortgage. It is time for a constitutional amendment limiting congressional terms.”

The term limits amendment bills would require a two-thirds majority in the House and Senate, and ratification by 38 states in order to become part of the constitution.

View Lasonde’s signed pledge [HERE](#)

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