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Mullin Broke Promise to Sponsor Term Limits for All of Congress

Washington, D.C. – A leading national term limits group is calling out Congressman Markwayne Mullin (OK-2) for breaking a promise he made to fight for a congressional term limits amendment.

U.S. Term Limits (USTL) today highlighted that Rep. Mullin signed a pledge in 2011 vowing to co-sponsor legislation for congressional term limits, then broke his word by never sponsoring the bill. The broken commitment is especially relevant as debate in Oklahoma [centers on](#) a different pledge Mullin made, to step down after three terms in office.

“As Oklahomans weigh the merits of self-imposed term limits, they are not seeing that Mullin also broke his pledge to sponsor term limits for all of Congress,” said USTL President Philip Blumel. “Mullin’s broken promise is a slap in the face to the 75 percent of Americans who back term limits.”

Blumel’s message comes as Mullin is publicly hedging against his commitment not to seek a fourth term in Congress in 2018. Mullin won the republican nomination for his seat on June 28, defeating Jarrin Jackson.

“Mullin was more than happy to use the issue to get elected but has not co-sponsored the bill that would propose term limits on Congress,” Blumel added. “This is a typical insider move and it is precisely what people are tired of seeing in D.C.”

The importance of term limits for all of Congress was epitomized in the 2014 election cycle when Congress had an approval rating of 11% but a re-election rate of 96%. Another example of why we need term limits was the 2008 election cycle when 55 members of Congress ran unopposed. In both cases millions of Americans had no real say in who represented them in Congress because of the power of incumbency.

According to recent Gallup polling, 75 percent of Americans back term limits for members of Congress. The issue is bipartisan, drawing support from 82 percent of Republicans, 65 percent of Democrats and 79 percent of Independents.

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