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Group works to keep Montana's 8-year term limits

KALISPELL, MT -- U.S. Term Limits, the nation's oldest and largest pro-term limits group, today launched a series of digital advertisements warning citizens that the Montana Legislature is attempting to weaken the state's current eight-year term limits law.

The ads, set to run in specific legislative districts, warn that House Bill 626 would double the amount of time a politician can serve, effectively turning Montana into a haven for career politicians.

"While aspiring career politicians in Helena want to weaken term limits, the people of Montana believe firmly that eight is enough" said Duncan Scott, a Kalispell resident who serves as a Director of U.S. Term Limits. "Our citizens passed eight-year limits with a 33 point landslide in 1992 and defended them by an even bigger margin in 2004. Apart from some capitol insiders and special interests, no one in Montana believes politicians should be kept in office longer."

Montana's term limits were enacted in a 1992 referendum with a 67 percent "yes" vote. When state legislators in 2004 attempted to weaken their limits from eight to 12 years in one seat, citizens rebuked them with 69 percent of the vote.

"We can't allow the authors of House Bill 626 to reverse the progress Montana has made in keeping our legislature to a true citizen-public servant model," Scott added. "It is outrageous to suggest that Montana state legislators, who serve part-time, deserve a term limit twice as long as that of America's president."

"Citizens need to be warned about this rogue bill so they can fight to stop it," he said.

U.S. Term Limits, founded in 1992, assists citizens in enacting and maintaining term limits at all levels of government. It played a key advisory role in helping Montanans put term limits for state legislators on the 1992 ballot.

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