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U.S. Term Limits Urges State Senator Ron Rabin (R-NC) to Support Effective Term Limits

Palm Beach, FL--U.S. Term Limits (USTL), the nation's oldest and largest grassroots pro-term limits group, has sent a letter to North Carolina State Senator Ron Rabin, asking that he jettison his current term limits proposal in favor of more effective, eight-year term limits.

In the letter, USTL President Philip Blumel makes the case that 16-year limits aren't very different from having no term limits at all.

"Experience shows that longer (than 8 years) limits do not deliver the full benefits of this popular reform," Blumel writes. "While longer limits often feel 'reasonable' to people close to the political playpen, from the citizens' point of view they are weak and unexciting and make it difficult to inspire the interests of activists and contributors."

He also stressed that long limits are a more politician-friendly twist on the nation's time-tested eight year limits: "Twelve-year limits and longer are commonly chosen by politicians to try to prevent citizens from imposing genuine limits."

Blumel said voters have embraced the 8-year standard because it best balances experience with the benefits of regular rotation in office and competitive elections. Eight year term limits are the most common term limit in America, imposed on county commissions, governors, state legislatures and the president of the United States.

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