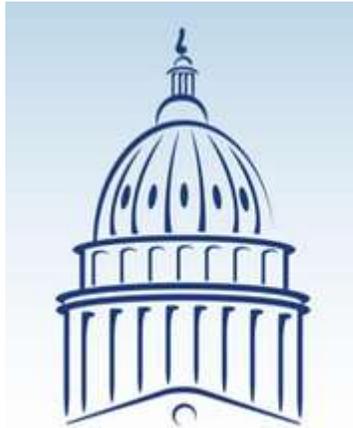


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Ohio Term Limits Press Conference

Where: In the George Washington
Williams Room in the Statehouse
Building

When: 1:00 PM on Thursday 5/14,
right before OCMC Meeting

Term Limits Supporters to Hold Capitol Presser Thursday

COLUMBUS, OH – A Washington-based pro-term limits group will partner with political leaders from across Ohio to hold a Statehouse press conference Thursday May 14th, at which time formal opposition will be announced to the Constitutional Modernization Commission's proposals to lengthen term limits.

The announcement is scheduled for 1 PM in the George Washington Williams room, just before the Commission meets upstairs to consider lengthening the eight-year term limits that 4 out of 5 voters want to keep.

Attending will be Ohio House members Ron Hood and Tom Brinkman, Fmr. Ohio Majority Whip John Adams, Fmr. Ohio Rep. Matt Lynch, Warren County GOP Chair Ray Warrick, U.S. Term Limits President Philip Blumel and Maurice Thompson, Executive Director of the 1851 Center for Constitutional Law.

"We're proud to see Ohioans standing up to this scheme, and will do all we can to help," said Philip Blumel, whose group U.S. Term Limits will present Brinkman and Hood with the Defender of Term Limits Award. "Citizens did not collect hundreds of thousands of signatures to put *eight-year limits* on the ballot, only to have a Commission of political appointees try to erase the term limits they chose."

Blumel is referring to the 1992 Ohio Term Limits initiative, which passed with 68 percent of the vote. A 2015 poll from Ohioans for Good Government shows that 78 percent of Ohio voters now believe term limits should be kept at eight years.

"We need to stop this now before it can reach the ballot on a low turnout election, with the possibility of deceptive ballot language" said Ray Warrick, a county GOP Chair

known for bucking the establishment. “Politicians should not be plotting how to lengthen their own careers while real problems that affect working families go unaddressed.”

Warrick also criticized the Commission’s procedures, which he says are not conducive to public involvement.

“There is an alarming lack of transparency when efforts to undermine a key reform like term limits are held during a work day, without meeting agendas released to the public in a timely manner,” he added.

The mission of US Term Limits is to seek term limits for Congress and state legislatures, while preserving effective term limits that are already in place.

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