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U.S. Term Limits Praises Steve Johnson for Signing the Pledge to Protect Ohio's Term Limits

U.S. Term Limits, the nation's oldest and most successful term limits advocacy organization, today praised Michigan State House candidate Steve Johnson (District 72) for signing its congressional term limits pledge.

USTL President Philip Blumel commented on Johnson's pledge, saying, "Steve Johnson's support of term limits shows that we still have candidates out there that recognize there is a need for rotation in office. Michigan is well served by citizen legislators, not career politicians who have lost sight of what their constituents need."

The pledge also went to all candidates running for the Michigan State House and Senate. "I can't find any evidence that the people of Michigan want legislators' upping their own term limits" said USTL President Philip Blumel.

Blumel noted, "Over 75% of Americans have rejected the career politician model, and keeping term limits strong in Michigan is a key way to keep career politicians from running the state. Johnson knows this and is willing to work to make sure we reach our goal."

According to the last nationwide [poll](#) on term limits conducted by Gallup, the issue enjoys wide bi-partisan support. The poll showed that 75% of Americans support congressional term limits.

Gallup's analysis states, "Republicans and independents are slightly more likely than Democrats to favor term limits; nevertheless, the vast majority of all party groups agree on the issue. Further, Gallup finds no generational differences in support for the proposal."

Blumel concluded, "Voters have always supported term limits, but they run into resistance from the very politicians elected to represent them. We need to have representatives in Michigan like Johnson, know that they work for the people."

View Johnson's signed pledge [HERE](#)

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U.S. Term Limits, the nation's oldest and most successful term limits advocacy organization, has sent a pledge to every candidate for the Ohio General Assembly, asking for a signed commitment to "take no action that would aid or abet the abolition or lengthening of term limits to which elected officials in Ohio are subject." The pledge also went to all incumbents who are term-limited after this year. "I can't find any evidence that the people of Ohio want legislators' upping their own term limits from eight to twelve years in one seat," said USTL President Philip Blumel. "This is something the politicians have cooked up just for themselves." Blumel is referring to efforts by the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission to weaken term limits. Its team of elected politicians and their appointees has recently discussed ways to dilute or abolish the current law. Public opinion backs up Blumel's pro-term limits sentiment. In a May poll conducted by the University of Akron, 70 percent of Ohio voters said term limits should be kept at eight years. Only 13 percent said they should be lengthened to 12 years. "Any attempt to adjust the current limits will rightly be viewed as disregard for the people's choice," Blumel writes in the letter accompanying the pledge. U.S. Term Limits has provided postage and an easy way for respondents to mail back their pledges. Once the results are collected, Blumel will share them with the people of Ohio. "Citizens put legislative term limits on Ohio's ballot in 1992, and passed them into law with more than 68 percent of the vote," notes Blumel. "Since then, support for the law has only increased. Voters will be very interested in knowing which legislators stand with them, and which stand for their own ambitions."