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U.S. Term Limits Says Wilcox-Beruff Plan is a Sham

MELBOURNE, FL -- U.S. Term Limits (USTL), America's largest and most experienced pro-term limits group, says the term limits platform shared by Carlos Beruff and Todd Wilcox is a "sham designed to win votes" with no benefit at all to the term limits cause.

According to USTL President Philip Blumel, their plan for a 12-year limit in the House of Representatives cannot be implemented, since the 40 most ardent term limits supporters in Congress have already pledged their exclusive support to a six-year House limit.

"These two travel Florida touting plans to stop career politicians, but their proposals will only entrench politicians even deeper," Blumel said. "The people of Florida deserve better than empty rhetoric disguised as a plan of substance."

U.S. Term Limits has recruited 40+ members of Congress and hundreds more candidates to sign onto its Term Limits Amendment pledge, a vow to exclusively sponsor a term limits amendment of three terms in the House and two terms in the Senate.

The pledge was designed to overcome politicians' "divide and conquer" strategy, by which they could avoid ever passing term limits by claiming an inability to agree on the ideal limits.

Blumel noted that outgoing Senator Marco Rubio, whom Wilcox and Beruff seek to replace, was a supporter of the U.S. Term Limits platform.

"Senator Rubio has done a remarkable job helping build consensus for this amendment among term limits supporters in the Senate," he said. "The insistence from Wilcox and Beruff on a weaker term limit would reverse all of that progress and bring us back to square one."

Since the U.S. Constitution requires a two-thirds majority in both chambers for Congress to propose a term limits amendment, an effort cannot succeed without members unified behind a specific proposal. The Wilcox-Beruff plan threatens to break this unity and set back the term limits movement by decades.

Wilcox and Beruff have refused to sign the U.S. Term Limits pledge; their GOP opponents Lieutenant Governor Carlos Lopez-Cantera and Rep. Ron DeSantis have signed.

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