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U.S. Term Limits Seeks Clarification on Murky Anti-Term Limits Vote

November 13th, 2013, Palm Beach, FL – U.S. Term Limits (USTL), the nation’s largest grassroots advocacy group for term limits, has sent a [survey](#) to all members of the Arkansas General Assembly who voted YES on referring the anti-term limits amendment to the Nov. 2014 ballot. The survey asks lawmakers:

- 1) Did you intend to vote YES on the anti-term limits amendment?
- 2) Now that the details have been exposed, would you vote YES today?
- 3) Do you believe the amendment should be pulled from the ballot for proper vetting?

USTL President Philip Blumel says the survey seeks clarification in response to the amendment’s deceptive title, which has already misled at least one legislator. The title of the bill was the Arkansas Elected Officials Ethics, Transparency and Financial Reform Amendment. Term limits, the principal issue in the proposed law, is nowhere to be found in its name.

“After we pointed out that he had broken his term limits pledge, Sen. Gary Stubblefield [told](#) the Arkansas News Bureau that he ‘wouldn’t have voted for 16 years in one chamber,’” said Blumel. “Well, that’s exactly what he did vote for. Another Senator, David Sanders, wrote a letter to the Senate Secretary stating that his vote on the matter was recorded as a YES even though he wasn’t in the chamber. It’s time we set the record straight for the citizens of Arkansas.”

In the [letter](#) which accompanies the survey, Blumel stresses that the murky vote undermines the integrity of the state constitution. “Arkansans can’t afford to take risks with deceptive titles and procedural ambiguities,” he writes.

Included in the survey package are two [articles](#) from the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette on the anti-term limits amendment. One is an op-ed from Blumel about Florida’s battle against a similar amendment; another is a Gazette editorial calling the amendment “Outrage of the Year.”

U.S. Term Limits has provided postage and an easy way for the legislators to mail back their surveys. Once the results are collected, Blumel will share them with the people of Arkansas.

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