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U.S. Term Limits President Slams South Dakota Legislators for Shameless Attack on Term Limits

Palm Beach, FL— U.S. Term Limits President Philip Blumel released a statement today which criticized members of the South Dakota legislature for trying to weaken term limits after citizens have repeatedly rejected the idea. The focus of the statement is the recently filed HJR 1002, which aims to lengthen term limits from eight years to twelve in both houses.

“I am simply stunned,” writes Blumel, a longtime activist for term limits. “South Dakota voters passed term limits with a 63 percent majority in 1992, and defended them in 2008 with an even greater percentage of the vote (76%). Recent polling shows that little has changed, since 63 percent of voters say they’d be *angry* if legislators tried to lengthen term limits to stay in office longer.”

Blumel called the legislators’ actions “egregious,” and “a direct slap in the face to the people of South Dakota, who have always stood for citizen legislators over career politicians.”

In the same statement, Blumel contrasted the anti-term limits bill with an [alternative bill](#) introduced by Representatives Nelson, Campbell, Craig, Kaiser, Kopp, May, Schoenfish, and Verchio and Senators Van Gerpen, Begalka, and Kirkeby. If passed by voters, it would strengthen the current term limits by making them lifetime rather than consecutive.

“Both of these bills relate to term limits, but only HJR 1003 tightens them in such a way to protect citizens from unaccountable politicians,” he writes. “Make no mistake: a vote for HJR 1003 is a vote for term limits; a vote for HJR 1002 is a vote against them.”

Blumel’s statement concludes with a vow to stand by the South Dakota grassroots, whether it be “for the good amendment or against the bad one.”

Read the entire statement [HERE](#).

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