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### **U.S. Term Limits calls on Speaker Boehner to deny exemptions for committee term limits**

Palm Beach, FL—U.S. Term Limits, the leading citizen organization working toward the passage of legislative term limits around the country, called on House Speaker John Boehner to deny any future requests from lawmakers for exemptions to committee chairman term limits.

The plea comes after Ways and Means Chairman Dave Camp (R-MI) told reporters that six-year committee chairman term limits are a mistake. In 2012, Boehner [granted](#) an exemption to Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (R-WI) but no one else.

Philip Blumel, president of U.S. Term Limits, wrote to Boehner, stating, "I am writing to urge you in the strongest terms possible to protect term limits for committee chairmen, without exceptions for a select few."

The letter reminds Speaker Boehner that in 1995 one of the first acts by the first Republican-controlled House of Representatives was to establish term limits for committee chairs. "This had a very positive impact on the operations of the House, and that tradition continued when you brought them back," Blumel wrote.

"Beyond reducing the corrosive power of seniority, the term limits rule encourages scores of younger members to take a more active role in shaping policy."

While reiterating U.S. Term Limits continuing support for a constitutional amendment establishing term limits, Blumel said that, "keeping term limits on committee chairmen sends a strong signal to the American people that the House GOP caucus is sincere in its drive to provide expanded opportunities to lead."

One of the first acts taken under the Pelosi speakership was changing the rules to allow committee chairmen to retain their power indefinitely at the discretion of leadership.

"This yet important rollback by Speaker Pelosi of the reforms undertaken in 1994 needed to be reversed so people could be sure that the U.S. Capitol was no



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longer doing business as usual. If the leadership retreats, they'll only be proving to the American people that Congress can't be trusted." Blumel said.

U.S. Term Limits is the leader of the national movement to enact limitations on terms that elective officials can serve.

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