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U.S. Term Limits: Poll Shows Ohioans Don't Want Longer Term Limits

Palm Beach, FL – U.S. Term Limits (USTL), the leader in the national movement to limit terms for elected officials, today praised the people of Ohio for opposing any lengthening of the state's current term limits law.

USTL President Philip Blumel pointed to a newly-released [Akron Buckeye Poll](#), which shows that 70 percent of registered voters in Ohio believe the state's legislative term limits should be kept at their current length of eight years.

“Since the people of Ohio passed term limits with more than 68 percent of the vote in 1992, aspiring career politicians in the state have made repeat attempts to gut the law,” Blumel said. “This poll shows that voters remain united against legislators' schemes to stay in office longer.”

Blumel said voters have embraced the 8-year standard because it best balances experience with the benefits of regular rotation in office and competitive elections. Eight year term limits are the most common term limit in America, imposed on county commissions, governors, state legislatures and the president of the United States.

“State legislators have an awfully tough time explaining to voters why the leader of the free world can learn his job in eight years, but they need 12 or more,” he said. “It's less a real argument than a desperate plea to keep power.”

The attack on Ohio's term limits law illustrates how citizens and public officials are very far apart on the issue. Whereas term limits are almost universally brought to the ballot by citizens alone, attempts to weaken them always originate with politicians and their allies. This case is no different. The Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission, whose members include only legislators and their appointees, is spearheading the effort to weaken term limits.

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