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Billboards for Pledge Breakers!

What happens to members of Congress who don't honor their pledge? They get a billboard letting everyone in their district know. In August, U.S. Term Limits erected billboards in the hometowns of Rep. Drew Ferguson of Georgia's 3rd district, and Rep. Gary Palmer of Alabama's 6th district for clearly stating that they broke their term limits pledges. Straight to the point, the billboards read, "Drew Ferguson Broke His Term Limits Pledge" and "Gary Palmer Broke His Term Limits Pledge."

Both legislators had previously signed the term limits pledge promising to cosponsor the USTL resolution

in the house. Both gentlemen had cosponsored the bill in the past, so it was puzzling that former champions of term limits fell silent on the issue this legislative session. Despite our attempts to remind them of their pledges, they steadfastly refused to cosponsor our bill.

Rep. Ferguson broke his term limits pledge.

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U.S. Term Limits commissioned billboards in the Georgia and Alabama districts of U.S. Reps Drew Ferguson and Gary Palmer.



The U.S. Term Limits amendment has been introduced in Congress calling for a six years maximum in the U.S. House of Representatives and twelve years maximum in the U.S. Senate. Senate Joint Resolution (SJR3), sponsored by Texas Senator Ted Cruz, has 15 senators on board while House Joint Resolution

12 (HJR12) sponsored by South Carolina Rep. Ralph Norman had 69 house members backing the bill.

After numerous attempts to communicate with the legis-
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Fair in Maine Sees Nearly 800 New Supporters

From writing letters to the editor, handing out literature at events, and asking candidates for their stance on term limits at public events, grassroots volunteers are integral to U.S. Term Limits' operation. This October, volunteers in Maine staffed a USTL table at Maine's Fryeburg Fair, the largest agricultural fair in the state, and 2nd largest in New England. Spanning eight days and 185 acres, the Fryeburg Fair sees approximately 225,000 people every year.

Getting a table at the fair was a perfect example of what one can do as a grassroots volunteer. Not only did it increase U.S. Term Limits' presence in the state of Maine by nearly 800 supporters, but volunteers obtained term limits pledges from congressional candidates Mike Perkins (District 2) and Ed Thelander (District 1). The pledge is their commitment to cosponsor the term limits resolution if elected to the U.S. House in 2022.



Term Limits supporter signing the petition at an event.

Kenn Quinn, Northern Regional Director and Maine resident, commented, "The event was a success. Our volunteers had a fantastic time at the Fryeburg Fair speaking with all of the attendees who support our mission. Nearly

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President's Corner

BY PHILIP BLUMEL

Grassroots activists are the lifeblood of our organization. Being a nonprofit, our volunteers help fill the gap and provide real value to our movement. Our staff and dedicated activists have been working hard this past year to propel term limits support to new heights. We gained 800 new petition signatures from just one state fair in Maine, and hundreds more from gun and car shows and farmers' markets and outside libraries across the country.

The hard work is paying off. Not only are we getting more petitions signed, we are also getting noticed by politicians and candidates who recognize that term limits on Congress is a no brainer, win-win issue. A new poll by Rasmussen indicates an increase in national approval, showing that 82% of voters endorse an amendment for term limits on Congress. No other national issue garners this much cross-partisan support.

As we gear up for midterms, this increase in support is critical. We have 672 incumbent state legislators who have signed our pledge and 165 pledges are from candidates running in the 2022 cycle. Your help is as important as ever to see these numbers increase. With your support, we will aim to see pro term limits candidates in every race.

Here's what you can do to show your support. If you know a candidate running for office or happen to meet up with one at an event, ask them to sign the term limits pledge. Go to termlimits.com/pledge and download the appropriate version. There's one for state legislator, congressional candidate, and even for governor. Election season is upon us. It's the best time to get candidates to publicly endorse term limits on Congress.

Sincerely,

Follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/ustermlimits.

Sign our petition at termlimits.com/petition.

Ask a candidate to endorse term limits on Congress at termlimits.com/pledge.

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“The appropriations committees of the House and Senate are aged and decrepit men, who if they think at all think...backward thinking.”

-- President Harry S. Truman

Term Limits “NUT” Podcast Celebrates Third Year

The No Uncertain Terms podcast brings a refreshing and sometimes humorous view of the diabolical ways our supposed “representatives” go out of their way to suppress the will of the people in an effort to preserve their own power. No Uncertain Terms is the weekly podcast of U.S. Term Limits, a non-partisan, nonprofit organization with the primary goal of imposing term limits on all elected officials, particularly the U.S. Congress. The weekly show streams each Monday, hosted by Philip Blumel and Nick Tomboulides of U.S. Term Limits.

Term limits supporters can listen to the audio, or simply read a transcript of each show by visiting www.termlimits.com/podcast or subscribing to your favorite podcast player.

Recent episodes have covered everything from state initiatives to corruption scandals, and to bogus congressional bills calling for 34 year term limits.



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Status Update: Where Term Limits Convention Legislation Currently Stands in the States

States that passed our term limits resolution:	Florida, Alabama, Missouri, West Virginia
Passed in one chamber:	Tennessee House, Georgia Senate, North Carolina House, Utah House
Awaiting Committee Vote:	US House and Senate, Georgia House, Pennsylvania House and Senate, Tennessee Senate, North Carolina Senate

Email your representatives in these states at termlimits.com/takeaction.



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Term Limits Updates Across the U.S.

Northern Region

MINNESOTA: A volunteer set up a U.S. Term Limits table for two days at a gun show in his town in Minnesota and signed up 160 new supporters.

MAINE: Regional Director Kenn Quinn joined supporters in Maine at the Fryeburg Fair to hand out USTL literature and collected 800 petition sign-ups.

Central Region

The central team is busy lining up sponsors to file in Kentucky, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Indiana. We are very excited about our prospects for 2022.

TENNESSEE: U.S. Term Limits' Tennessee State Chair Mayor Glenn Jacobs, a.k.a. WWE Superstar "Kane," is speaking to groups across Tennessee about our House Joint Resolution 8 that we are pushing to pass in 2022. He spoke to a full crowd in Mountain City and also appeared on the Lars Larsen radio show.



KENTUCKY: Kentucky volunteer Jeffrey Harper presented a plaque to pledge signer Sen. Stephen Meredith (district 5).

Western Region

ARIZONA: We are gearing up for the 2022 legislative session. Senator Kelly Townsend will be sponsoring our bill in the state senate and Rep. Ben Toma will sponsor it in the state house.

IDAHO: Idaho State Senator Jim Rice has committed to sponsor and promote our resolution through both chambers along with the support of legislative leadership. In Idaho, USTL operations are led by our



volunteer state director Carri Campbell, legislative director Michael Tomlin, and events coordinator Cecelia Lopes. Our resolution in has been drafted and prefiled for the 2022 legislative session.

UTAH: We have identified sponsors in the Utah state senate and state house for the 2022 session. Ian Phillips, our volunteer state director, coordinates grassroots activities in the beehive state.

CALIFORNIA: California, led by Rand Tanner and his volunteer team, has become one of our fastest growing states second to Florida. We started participating in the San Luis Obispo Farmers' Market in October 2021, led by Gordon Mullins and his team of S.L.O. Volunteers. In addition, Karen Lau, our area District Coordinator, set up an information table at the Murrieta California Golf Tournament.

ALASKA: Discussions have begun with state legislators from both chambers. Alaskans are hot for congressional term limits, especially since Don Young has been the lone state representative since 1973!

According to polling, 78% of Alaskans support congressional term limits.

Southern Region

OKLAHOMA: State Director, Chris Keener and his volunteers tabled at the Route 66 Blowout event in September and spoke with a very receptive audience.

NORTH CAROLINA: In August, Ken Clark, Southern Region Director, hosted a breakfast for state senators to discuss passing our resolution through the chamber in 2022 so we can add another state to our growing list that have passed our resolution.

USTL Spotlight: Nick Tomboulides

Name: Nick Tomboulides

Title: Executive Director, U.S. Term Limits

Time with USTL: 8 years

Term limits moment of which he is most proud:

I love helping citizens fight back against corruption at the local level. City and county governments are where many of the worst swamp monsters dwell. With that, I am most proud of our victories in Jacksonville, FL and Palm Beach Gardens, FL, where we stopped politicians' schemes to repeal term limits and grab power for life. Perhaps not surprisingly, some of those prominent politicians in Jacksonville who felt they were such great "public servants" are now serving time in prison.

Why do I do this? Because I am convinced we must take our government back. By that I don't mean electing a Republican government or a Democratic government per se; I mean curbing the influence of special interests over politicians in both parties.

Fun fact: Favorite President is Grover Cleveland.



Nick Tomboulides is the Executive Director of U.S. Term Limits. He resides in Florida with his family.



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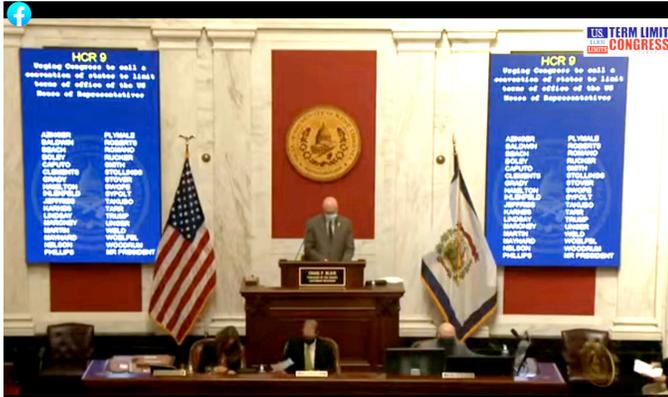
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Champions of Term Limits - Legislative Recognition

This past March, the West Virginia state senate joined the state house in approving the call for a term limits on Congress convention. The application was officially filed in Congress and gives notice that West Virginia is to be counted towards the 34 state applications required to call the term limits proposal convention. The effort was sponsored by West Virginia State Senator Randy Smith and House Delegate Jeff Pack.

blee, Grassroots Specialist, were integral to the passage of HCR9 this past session. Les and Shanna, with their children, traveled West Virginia this October to present a token of thanks to the legislators who championed our resolution.

Shanna commented, “We are proud to have presented Champion of Term Limits plaques to the dedicated West Virginia lawmakers who saw our 3-year effort through to victory. These legislators have set a high bar that I hope legislators in other states will follow.”



West Virginia Passes U.S. Term Limits' Resolution

Senator Randy Smith commented on the victory, “I’m glad to see West Virginia moved one step closer to reeling in career politicians and a runaway Congress by passing HCR9 this morning and sending a message to D.C. that a majority of the citizens in this state are fed up with their deaf ear to we the people.”

“After two years of partial success, the West Virginia Legislature has finally passed our US Term Limits Resolution. HCR9 is in response to the majority of West Virginians who have demanded their legislature take action to rein in the federal government,” said Delegate Pack.

Aaron Dukette, USTL’s Central Region Director, Shanna Chamblee, Legislative Director, and Les Cham-



Shanna Chamblee with WV Senator Smith

The key to USTL’s strategy is that the U.S. Constitution provides the state legislatures with authority to propose amendments without the approval of Congress. To make it happen, 34 state legislatures must pass resolutions to call a convention to propose a congressional term limits amendment.

What YOU Can Do to Help Impose Term Limits on Congress

Volunteer at termlimits.com/volunteer/

U.S. Term Limits is looking for volunteers who can spend an hour or more a week, working from home, helping to end career politicians everywhere. You’ll be able to shine as a member of our grassroots team in whatever capacity suits you best.

Grassroots activism can be anything you want it to be...from writing emails to your state politicians, hosting a petition drive, or starting a local group to lead a more coordinated effort. Regardless, anyone can help! It’s high time we get #UnitedforTermLimits!

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lators, USTL had no choice but to deploy creative constituent education. According to Scott Tillman, National Field Director, “occasionally, you look for ways to grab a congress member’s attention while also educating his or her constituents. There are many different ways to go about that.” These billboards certainly caught the attention of constituents, news agencies, and of course, the pledge breakers in question, Rep. Ferguson and Rep. Palmer.

While USTL prefers that signers honor their pledges, and would rather not resort to such tactics, we are obligated to do what is necessary to hold them to their word. Accountability is too often overlooked in the world of politics.

Rep. Palmer broke his term limits pledge.

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Rep. Palmers's signed pledge

The story has a happy ending. Both Congress members had a change of heart and are now cosponsors of HJR 12. Since then, several other pledge signers have also gotten on the bill to cosponsor our term limits on Congress resolution, bringing our new total to 75!

82%

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Maine Fair (cont'd from page 1)

800 people added their names to our petition and all of our TERM LIMIT CONGRESS bumper stickers were gone by the second day.” He added, “Next year I will be sure to have a lot more on hand to give to everyone who wants them!” Indeed, we will be back next year, with even more swag gathering more petitions for Mainers who support term limits on Congress.



USTL Volunteer with ME Senator Bennett

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Outrageous Congress!

Sen. Chuck Grassley, 88, in public office since 1959

Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa put to rest any doubt that he will be retiring by declaring to run for an 8th term as U.S. Senator from the Hawkeye State. While 7 terms x 6 years brings us to 42 years in the Senate, by the end of the term he will have held office for 48 years reaching the ripe old age of 94. If reelected (and you know he will be), Grassley would have successfully blocked new perspectives of other potential senators from Iowa for half a century.



Photo by Karl Schumacher

Before entering the senate, Grassley served in the U.S. House since 1975 and in the Iowa State House since 1959! That's 62 years of not being in private life. How could he possibly understand the plight of the average Iowan?