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Top 5 Term Limits Achievements in 2023

A plethora of exciting things happened in favor of the term limits movement this year — it's time to count down the top 5 successes in 2023!

#5. New national polling in favor of term limits has hit an all-time high for — a whopping 87% of Americans favor term limits on Congress. Not surprisingly, the public congressional approval rating has simultaneously plummeted to an alarming low of just 13%. Support for term limits is broad and strong across all political, geographic and demographic groups., proving term limits is the



Nick Tomboulides, USTL Executive Director, testifies before Congress.

great unifier. The surge in favor of term limits is palpable — everyone supports them but the most entrenched career politicians.

#4. Nick Tomboulides was invited to testify before the house Judiciary committee on September 19th. His testimony quickly became a truth-telling, fact-dropping exhibition! During his remarks, Nick skillfully directed the committee members' attention to the fact that 83% (now 87%) of the public want term limits for government officials, which is no surprise given the incumbency reelection rates are at

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A Secret Weapon for Success: Our Education Program

Tennessee, North Carolina, and Louisiana are shaping up to be leading battleground states for term limits in 2024. Through our pledge program, our national field team works on relationship building to shepherd our resolution through nearly twenty state capitols each year. Along with our digital team, USTL helps coordinate grassroots supporters to contact their lawmakers to vote in favor of our resolutions.

Another tactic that has proved quite successful, our “secret weapon” if you will, is our term limits educa-

tion program. We are in the business of letting term limits supporters know if lawmakers and candidates for office are naughty or nice in regards to their stance on term limits for Congress.

This year, we employed the use of direct mail postcard campaigns, social media, letters to the editor, commercials, ads, billboards, and postcard mailers, among other tactics. We also have a successful state chair program where prominent term limits ambassadors in each state promote our efforts as spokespersons on local and national media.

In Louisiana, Tennessee, and North Carolina, we sent postcard mailers letting constituents know which candidates champion term limits in their state. Our resolution has passed the state house in both Tennessee and North Carolina, so we need to pass the senate in each state in 2024 to add two more states to our growing list of states calling for a national term limits convention.

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A Secret Weapon for Success (continued from page 1)



In the Louisiana state elections in November 2023, term limits candidates came out ahead due to our direct mail program. In 2024, 47% of the house and 33% of the senate will be term limits pledge signers.

In Tennessee and North Carolina, we had teams canvas neighborhoods leaving door hangers thanking

state house members who voted in favor of passing our bill. This gave us a great opportunity to get out into the community and speak with local residents about our passion, placing term limits on Congress... and they overwhelmingly agree.

In Rhode Island, Washington, Illinois, and Ohio, we leased billboards thanking term limits lawmakers in Congress. And, in California, Texas, and Wisconsin, we sponsored billboard messages to let supporters know when legislators broke their pledge and refused to cosponsor our bill.

What this proves is that when we educate the public, we see movement in the right direction. More lawmakers are motivated to cosponsor our resolutions. More candidates sign the term limits pledge promising to support our mission. And, we hold existing lawmakers accountable to pass our measures.

Term Limits' Achievements (continued from page 1)

or just below 100% in both chambers.

#3. North Carolina and Tennessee both passed our term limits resolution in their respective houses. This positions us to pass both states in 2024. Add Indiana and Louisiana as states to watch, among others, that have a high percentages of term limits champions seated in both chambers of the legislature.

#2. Oklahoma became the sixth state legislature to pass a term limits convention joint resolution. This informs Congress that the 'Sooner State' is now on record as one of the states needed to trigger the national convention to propose a congressional term limits amendment.

#1. For the first time in decades, our term limits resolution had a vote in the House Judiciary Com-

mittee. House Joint Resolution 11, proposes a constitutional amendment to limit the number of terms

members of Congress may serve. We nearly passed. Had three of our pledge signers been present, we would have won by two votes and our resolution would have gone to a vote of the full House.

In 2023, there were 136 term limits pledge signers in Congress, from both sides of the aisle, including the 56th Speaker of the House, Rep. Mike Johnson of Louisiana's 4th Congressional district. In 2016, Johnson signed the USTL pledge promising to cosponsor and vote in favor of our specific term limits resolution. This is the first time in history that we have a pro-term

limits pledge signer as House Speaker.

While we didn't get the vote on the House floor, we did have substantial accomplishments that position us well for 2024..



U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson



President's Corner BY PHILIP BLUMEL

Well Positioned for Success in 2024

As you have read in the main article of this newsletter, 2023 brought us several opportunities for success.

We had our first vote in Congress since the 1990s.

We passed the state of Oklahoma completely as well as one chamber in North Carolina and Tennessee.

We also played an integral role in the ballot initiative in North Dakota that set term limits on its governor and state lawmakers starting in 2024... not an easy feat to accomplish since we had to battle the career politicians in court relentlessly, exposing the corruption of the then Secretary of State there. Fortunately, we won on appeal.

We finally got a vote in the U.S. House. And, for the first time in history, the Speaker is a term limits pledge signer and cosponsor of our resolution, HJR11. We have 135 signers in the current Congress with the most bipartisan support we have ever had.

Years of tough work led up to these accomplishments and we couldn't have done so without the generous help and dedication of our supporters including volunteers, donors, and those of you who take-action to advance our cause.

If you read the previous newsletter, we covered how the predictable outcome of the vote on HJR11 reaffirmed our position that the best way to put term limits on Congress is for the states to put pressure on the federal legislative body by passing our resolution for a national term limits convention to propose

a term limits amendment. We believe that when it is imminent that the states will pass a term limits proposal, Congress will pre-empt by proposing their own amendment, setting their own terms.

A new Pew Research poll reported that a whopping 87% of Americans want term limits on Congress... and the most recent survey from Gallup indicates that the congressional approval rating has been torpedoed to low double digits, tanking to a mere 13%.

With all of this in mind, we are full steam ahead and have already begun prefiling resolutions for the upcoming legislative session.

Since we passed the state house in both North Carolina and Tennessee, we are gearing up to pass the state senate in both. Relationship building is a huge part of that and we meet with the lawmakers to get their commitment via the term limits pledge. Once they sign, we can have a more accurate prediction of how they will vote, or what we call "the whip count."

Other states where our whip count and/or relationships are looking pretty good are Indiana, Louisiana, and Georgia. We will potentially introduce our term limits convention resolutions in 23 states including Alaska, Ohio, Idaho, Maine, New Hampshire, Kentucky, Rhode Island and Delaware. We'll keep you posted on every milestone along the way and let you know where you can help by writing your state lawmakers to take-action at termlimits.com/takeaction.

Here's looking forward to a promising "term limits" year in 2024.

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Thank You to Our Volunteers!

U.S. Term Limit volunteers have worked throughout the year doing their part to end career politicians on local, state, and federal levels. Volunteers do a variety of activities that include: collecting signatures on petitions, contacting legislators, handing out flyers, being legislative advocates, researching and writing content, and social media engagement. Here are just a few of our awesome volunteers and their invaluable contributions:



(From left to right): Rep. Brian Munroe, Northern Regional Director Kenn Quinn, and Earl Houseknecht

Earl Houseknecht works with Kenn Quinn, regional director of U.S. Term Limits, in coordinating events and was instrumental in scheduling a meeting with Sen. Jarrett Coleman, who agreed to be the sponsor of the term limits state senate resolution.

(From left to right): Jim Fleming, Don Fleming

Jim Fleming has been instrumental in assisting supporters call their legislators and express their desire for legislators to sponsor, support, and vote for resolutions before the state house and senate. In addition, Jim and his brother, Don, wrote and performed the Term Limits song.



Cindy Duzan and Terry Steyer

Terry Steyer and Lucinda “Cindy” Duzan have joined Kenn Quinn in Harrisburg to meet face to face with representatives and lobby on behalf of term limits.

(On the upper far right): Nick McNulty

Nick McNulty is what we consider to be a term limits letters to the editor writing warrior! Nick consistently writes opinion pieces which are carried by local newspapers educating and inspiring readers as to the importance of term limits.



Thank You to Our Volunteers! (cont'd from page 4)



(From left to right): Mike Regoash, Lorraine Caruso, and Jerry Seiber

Often Jerry Seiber, Lorraine Caruso, and Mike Regoash can be found at local events collecting signatures on petitions and educating community members on term limits. Active since January of 2020, this team can be found at rallies, donut shops, conventions, farmers markets, bar-beque competitions, and most anything else you can think of collecting petition signatures, contacting state legislators, and sharing the term limits messaging.

Digital Dynamite Volunteers

In recent months, three outstanding content contributors have joined the volunteer digital team. Geoff Feld of Ohio, Dixie Hobbs from Texas, and Lara Ketter of Kansas research and write content featured on the U.S. Term Limits website, newsletter, and “Term Limits Breaking News” YouTube program.

As a grassroots organization, we know the important role volunteers play in getting the message of term limits out to the public and encouraging others to participate in the process. It takes time, talent, and resources to bring about change; and we rely on our volunteers to help bring about a term limits constitutional amendment.

The individuals highlighted are just a few of our volunteers. There are many more who have played an active role in 2023 advocating for term limits in

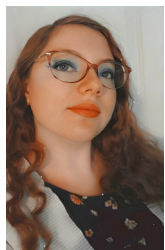
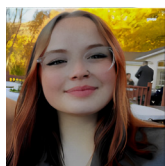
their communities. They have attended community events, collected signatures on petitions, called or emailed their legislators, handed out flyers, and participated in local legislative hearings. Our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude cannot be adequately expressed.



Dixie Hobbs, volunteer writer

We thank all of our volunteers and invite others to join the U.S. Term Limits volunteer team.

Happy Holidays from USTL!





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2023 Congressional and State Legislative Kudos

With more than 87% of Americans rejecting the career politician model and wanting it replaced with citizen leadership, U.S. Term Limits is committed to gathering support from federal and state lawmakers across the nation.

In January 2023, Sen. Ted Cruz and Rep. Ralph Norman sponsored resolutions in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House for a constitutional amendment term limiting Congress. More than 130 members joined in cosponsoring the resolutions. Speaker Mike Johnson of Louisiana along with 16 other house members voted in favor of the resolution during the House Judiciary Committee hearing in September.

It takes time and patience to accomplish the task at hand. In 2023, with the dedication and help of state legislators Sen. Micheal Bergstrom and Rep.

Jonathan Echols, Oklahoma became the sixth state to pass applications specific to the single subject of congressional term limits.

Rep. Christopher Todd of Tennessee and Rep. Timothy Moore in North Carolina were successful in passage of the U.S. Term Limits sponsored resolutions. We look forward to passing the Senate companion resolutions in those states sponsored by Sen. Richard Briggs in Tennessee and Sen. Matthew Johnson in North Carolina.

In Maine, state Senator Rick Bennett and U.S. House Rep. Jared Golden are champions of term limits in their respective legislative bodies. They participated in our "United for Term Limits" round table. You may view it on our youtube channel @ustermlimits.

A Special Thank You to our USTL State Chairs

We would also like to recognize our volunteer state chairs who have selflessly dedicated innumerable hours advocating as term limits spokespersons in their states.

They work with lawmakers to help usher through our term limits resolutions, hold press conferences, and represent USTL in various media appearances, among other important duties.

Read more about them at termlimits.com/state-chairs.

Mayor Glenn Jacobs - Tennessee
Rachel McCubbin - Kentucky
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Sharon Jackson - Alaska
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Ron Crane - Idaho
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