

No Uncertain Terms

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South Dakota and Indiana Pass Term Limits Resolutions

In a significant victory for the term limits movement, both Indiana and South Dakota have officially passed resolutions applying for a national convention to propose term limits on Congress. These states are now among those needed to reach the 34-state threshold required to trigger a convention under Article V of the U.S. Constitution.

In Indiana, the State House passed SJR21 with a strong bipartisan vote of 66-30, following its earlier approval in the State Senate. The resolution was championed by Representative Dave Hall and Senator Andy Zay. Indiana

State Chair for U.S. Term Limits, Mike Speedy, highlighted the importance of this step, emphasizing that the Founders provided the states with the power to act when Congress refuses to implement necessary reforms. “With today’s final passage of SJR21, the state of Indiana has taken up its constitutional authority to compel Congress to act or watch the states do it for them,” Speedy said.

Meanwhile, in South Dakota, the Senate passed HJR5002 with a bipartisan vote of 25-10, following its approval in the State House earlier this session. The resolution was led by Senator Casey Crabtree and Representative Taylor Rae Rehfeldt, alongside numerous cosponsors. Senator Crabtree celebrated the milestone, stating, “This is a common-sense, American idea... America wins when it embraces new, fresh ideas.” South Dakota State Chair for U.S. Term Limits,

Erin Tobin, echoed this enthusiasm, calling it a “major milestone in restoring our founding fathers’ vision of a citizen legislature.”

Both states’ resolutions are now officially on record in Congress, marking significant progress in the national, nonpartisan movement led by U.S.

Term Limits to combat careerism in Washington.

The President of U.S. Term Limits, Philip Blumel, reinforced the widespread support for the initiative, noting that “Eighty-seven percent of Americans support term limits on Congress, including huge majorities of Democrats, Republicans, and independents.”

Under Article V, states can bypass Congress to propose a constitutional amendment imposing term limits. If 34 states pass similar resolutions, a convention will be called, and an amendment would then require ratification by 38 states to become law.

But a proposal convention has never happened and likely never will. Congress will step in and pre-empt a convention because they will perceive it in their best interest to set their own terms.

With Indiana and South Dakota now officially on board, the momentum for congressional term limits continues to build. Advocates hope more states will follow their lead in the months ahead, bringing the nation one step closer to curbing the entrenched political establishment in Washington.



Sponsors Indiana Senator Zay and South Dakota Rep. Rehfeldt



President's Corner BY PHILIP BLUMEL

USTL Sees Significant Progress in 2025

The drive for congressional term limits is gaining serious traction. Our team has introduced resolutions in 19 states and counting so far this year. We have boots on the ground in many battleground states to ensure our bills pass all the committee stops and the chambers on our way to victory in these states.

While our biggest accomplishments so far this year are passing through both chambers in Indiana and South Dakota, we are also proud of passing state chambers in Georgia, South Carolina, and Arizona. In addition, we made it through several committees in Nebraska and Idaho for congressional term limits, and Florida for school board, county commissioner, and state legislator lifetime term limits.

Other states where we are still in play are Alaska, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Texas, and Arkansas.

Unfortunately, we had some setbacks too, namely in Wyoming, New Hampshire, North Dakota, and Mississippi. We came so close to passing in the Kansas House. While we had well more than a majority of votes, that state requires a 2/3 supermajority and we came up shy by three votes. We are brushing off the dirt and getting back in the saddle with a renewed vigor for next year.

At the federal level, we introduced new bills in both chambers of Congress. SJR1 on the senate side, was introduced by Senator Ted Cruz and has 17 cosponsors. In the house, Rep. Ralph Norman introduced HJR12 and has 79 cosponsors.

While the fight is ongoing, it's crucial to acknowledge the significant strides we've made so far.

Landmark Term Limits Bills Progress in Florida

The Florida Senate Ethics and Elections committee advanced two significant bills this year. SJR 536 and SJR 802, propose amendments to the Florida Constitution to establish lifetime term limits for state legislators and local elected officials.

Senator Blaise Ingoglia is sponsor of SJR 536, a proposal setting a lifetime term limit for state lawmakers. Currently, they are permitted to run for another seat when their term is up. This will cap service at 8-years total. The bill passed Ethics and Elections and is headed to the Judiciary Committee.

SJR 802, also sponsored by Ingoglia, proposes establishing lifetime term limits for members of boards of county commissioners and district school boards. This bill has also advanced in the senate.

“For many years, the people of Florida have spoken loud and clear to say ‘Eight is Great’ when

it comes to term limits,” said Nicolas Tomboulides, CEO of U.S. Term Limits. “These term limit proposals reflect the will of the people and will help to prevent the entrenchment of power. By limiting the number of terms served by our elected officials, we are fostering a more responsive and representative government.”

A related bill to SJR 802 was filed in the Florida State House by Representative Michelle Salzman. HJR679 passed the Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee and has been placed in the Education Administration Subcommittee.

Once passed by the Florida legislature, these constitutional amendments will be placed on the ballot for Florida voters to decide if they want to cap the terms of lawmakers, school board members, and county commissioners during the November 3, 2026 general election.

Should Congress Members Serve from a Memory Care Facility?!?!

U.S. Representative Kay Granger missed significantly more votes in 2024 than in her entire first decade in Congress? According to *The Dallas Morning News*, she was absent for 279 out of 517 votes in 2024, compared to 278 absences between 1997 and 2006.

In March 2024, Kay Granger stepped down as chair of the powerful House Appropriations Committee and handed the baton to Rep. Thomas Cole (R-OK).” Additionally, she was absent during the vote on funding the government during the most recent shutdown over spending in the past week (NY Post).

This alarming absenteeism raised concerns, especially as reports suggest many of her colleagues were unaware of her extended absence.

It was also uncovered that in July of 2024, Granger moved into a mental care facility shortly after being found wandering lost and confused in her neighborhood.

Claims circulated about her dementia sparked public backlash and renewed scrutiny of elderly politicians being allowed to serve in spite of advanced age and medical issues.

Granger expressed that “During this time, my incredible staff has remained steadfast, continuing to deliver exceptional constituent services, as they have for the past 27 years.” Though this statement is intended to be reassuring, it confirms that her staff have been covering for her absence, likely in ways that overstep their official duties and tread onto hers, given the situation. The fact of the matter is that if a member of Congress grows increasingly unaware of pressing health concerns, it should be addressed through a special election, not through delegation of tasks through their staff.

The one benefit of the situation is that it drew attention to the need for term limits. In a post on X, Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA) expressed that “Kay Granger’s long absence reveals the problem with a Congress that rewards seniority and relationships more than merit and ideas.” He added “We need term limits... We need to get big money out of politics so a new generation of Americans can run and serve.”

The Denver Gazette adds that in another post on X, Rep.-elect Jeff Crank (R-CO) urged Khanna to follow through on his words and join efforts to impose term limits. “And yet @RoKhanna I don’t see

you as a cosponsor of the term limits Congressional resolution, a signer of the term limits pledge, or pushing the Dem caucus to join Republican caucus and put term limits on committee chairmen,” Crank said in a post responding to the California Democrat. “I will cosponsor the @USTermLimits bill! Join me.”

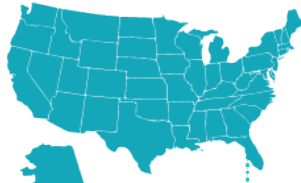
Representative Granger’s prolonged absence underscores a fundamental flaw in our current system: the lack of term limits for members of Congress- which allows individuals to remain in office indefinitely. Over time, career politicians disenfranchise constituents and undermines the democratic process when they skip votes that are attributed to age, health issues, and other factors. Granger’s case is not an isolated incident; similar situations already have and are bound to arise as long as this system remains in place. We need term limits to ensure accountability and prevent a repeat of this situation.

Granger’s last recorded vote was on July 24, 2024 She did not seek reelection in 2024. The 800,000 residents of Texas-12 are now represented by Graig Goldman.



Former U.S. Rep. Kay Granger

151 pledge signers in Congress



>1450
pledge signers
in state legislatures



87%
of America

resolutions
introduced in **19**
states



Security Concerns of an Aging Congress

For those entrusted with national security, policy-making, and the representation of millions, the ability to perform their duties fully need to become a non-negotiable standard.

We've already discussed the absence of Rep. Kay Granger who was admitted to a mental care facility for dementia missing critical votes for months.

Following that, former Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has been struggling with age related health concerns and multiple falls. Recently, he took a tumble on the Senate stairs after casting a vote, requiring assistance from fellow senators. He has since been pushed around in a wheelchair. Prior to this most recent health scare, McConnell fell in March 2023, which resulted in a concussion and fractured rib.

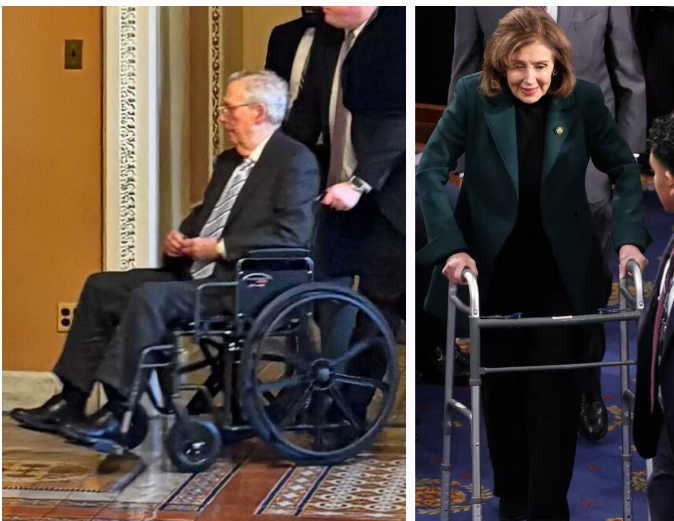
McConnell has been an ardent and vocal opposition to the term limits movement, even for leadership and committee chairs in Congress.

Another term limits opponent suffered an incident recently. 85-year old former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, lost her balance and suffered a fall on a marble staircase while abroad at the Grand Ducal Palace in Luxembourg. Her injuries resulted in the requirement of a hip replacement.

As these incidents become more frequent, the question arises: should members of Congress remain in office well into their 80s? Can lawmakers who are frequently hospitalized or incapacitated truly fulfill their duties to their constituents?

While we understand humans have health problems that may temporarily prevent them from fulfilling their obligations. However, we also know that term limits would not only prevent indefinite power accumulation but would also ensure that regular rotation of office cycles out lifelong politicians who refuse to give up the reins, before they experience serious decline or incapacitation.

Our powerful U.S. Congress is responsible for key decision making for not only the United States but the our global interests writ large. Our legislative body must be composed of individuals of sound mind who are fully present and able to fulfill their obligations to the world.



Former Majority Leader Senator Mitch McConnell and former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi

Momentum Builds as New USTL State Chairs Appointed

U.S. Term Limits is proud to announce the appointment of new state chairs who will advocate for legislative action to ensure that serving in Congress remains a public service rather than a lifelong entitlement.

Kevin Coughlin stepped up to be the Ohio Chair for U.S. Term Limits, succeeding newly elected U.S. Senator Bernie Moreno, a dedicated advocate for congressional term limits. Coughlin writes,

“Now more than ever before, the need for term limits is crystal clear. Polls show that the one issue all Ohioans, regardless of political affiliation, are united about is the need for congressional term limits.”

“I am honored to serve as the Oregon State Co-Chair for U.S. Term Limits,” said Knopp. “Now more than ever before, the need for term limits is crystal clear. Polls show that one issue that unites all Oregonians, regardless of political affiliation, is the need for congressional term limits.”

In Delaware, Dr. Mike Katz serves as the State Chair for U.S. Term Limits. A former Delaware State Senator and 2024 Independent candidate for the U.S. Senate, Dr. Katz brings a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to advocating for term limits in Washington, D.C.

He wrote, “Polls show that one issue that unites all



Coughlin (Ohio), Speedy (Indiana), Knopp (Oregon), and Katz (Delaware)

Coughlin began his political career in 1996, serving in the Ohio House of Representatives before transitioning to the Ohio Senate in 2001. After reaching his term limit in 2011, he stepped away from politics to found Lexington Companies, a marketing firm where he currently serves as President.

Mike Speedy, former Indiana State Representative, has joined U.S. Term Limits as Indiana’s State Chair. Speedy retired in 2024 after serving in the Indiana House of Representatives.

Former Oregon State Senator Tim Knopp has been appointed as Oregon’s State Co-Chair for U.S. Term Limits. A longtime advocate for term limits at the federal level, Knopp is committed to pushing for a congressional term limits resolution in Oregon.

Delaware residents, regardless of political affiliation, is the need for congressional term limits. In 2023, a RMG Research Poll found that 81% of Delaware voters support term limits. I know of no other issue that polls this highly with voters.”

The appointment of these leaders signals the continued push for congressional term limits, an issue that resonates with voters across party lines. U.S. Term Limits remains committed to advocating for state resolutions calling for an Article V convention to propose congressional term limits.

With leaders like Coughlin, Speedy, Knopp, and Katz at the helm in their respective states, the term limits movement is stronger than ever.

Igniting Change: USTL'S Multi-Pronged Education Campaign

While our field team shepherd our bills through state capitols, U.S. Term Limits also implements a dynamic, multi-faceted education program. This isn't just about political rhetoric; it's about empowering citizens and educating lawmakers on the critical need for term limits.

Digital Advertising: Shining a Light on Politicians' Stances

In today's digital age, information is power. U.S. Term Limits is leveraging the reach of digital advertising to expose where politicians stand on this crucial issue. Targeted ads are designed to:

- **Highlight Stances:** Clearly present where elected officials and candidates stand on term limits, ensuring transparency and accountability.
- **Educate the Public:** Provide concise and compelling information on the benefits of term limits, dispelling common misconceptions.
- **Drive Engagement:** Encourage citizens to take action by contacting their representatives and demanding change.

Grassroots Activism: Fueling the Fire for Reform

The heart of the U.S. Term Limits campaign lies in its grassroots activism. We're empowering citizens to make their voices heard through:

- **Calls to Action:** Instant and Direct communication, mobilizing supporters to contact their lawmakers at critical moments via texting, emailing, and social media posts.
- **Billboards and Commercials:** Amplifying the message through high-visibility media, reaching a broad audience with a variety of compelling visuals and narratives.
- **Direct Contact with Lawmakers:** Encouraging citizens to call and email their representatives, urging them to vote "yes" on term limits bills. This direct pressure is essential in driving legislative action.

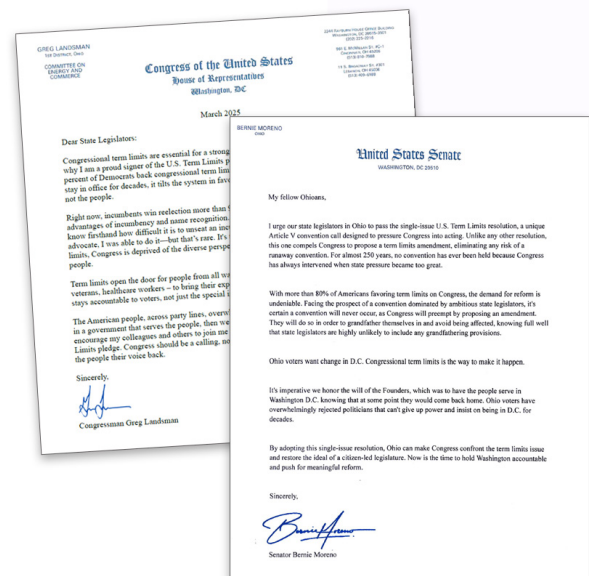
Massive Bimonthly Mailing Education Campaigns: Informing the Influencers

Recognizing the importance of educating key stakeholders, U.S. Term Limits conducts massive bimonthly mailings to:

- **Lawmakers:** Providing in-depth information and talking points on the benefits of term limits, addressing potential concerns, and offering pro-term limits arguments. This proactive education is designed to ensure that lawmakers are prepared to combat any opposition arguments
- **Consultants:** Equipping political consultants with the knowledge to effectively advocate for term limits on behalf of their political candidates.
- **Pollsters:** Ensuring that pollsters are aware of the strong public support for term limits, influencing public discourse and policy decisions. This year alone, we sponsored statewide polling in 17 states and a nationwide poll.
- **Progress Updates:** Keeping all parties informed of the current status of the bipartisan victories across the nation.

Why This Education Campaign Matters

- **Informed Citizens:** An educated public is crucial for driving meaningful change. Our campaign ensures that citizens have the information they need to make informed decisions.



Accountable Lawmakers: By shining a light on politicians' stances, we hold them accountable for their actions and decisions.

- **Legislative Success:** Educating lawmakers and key influencers is essential for advancing term limits legislation.
- **Combating Misinformation:** Proactive education helps to dispel misinformation and address opposition arguments, ensuring that the debate is based on facts.



Bribery and Betrayal: The Senator Menendez Case

As public servants, U.S. Senators are entrusted with protecting the interests of the American people; however, former Senator Bob Menendez's recent conviction raises serious concerns about the integrity of those in power. Menendez was sentenced to 11 years in prison after being convicted of bribery, acting as a foreign agent, and obstruction of justice. This case is not just an isolated instance of wrongdoing—it is a stark reminder of the pervasive corruption that can infiltrate the highest levels of government and the necessity of holding our leaders accountable.

The extent of Menendez's misconduct is both alarming and deeply troubling. According to the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, he accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars in bribes on behalf of Egyptian interests. These bribes included cash, gold bars, a luxury convertible, mortgage payments, and even a no-show job for his wife. Many of these illicit payments were found in hidden envelopes in Menendez's home.

In return for these bribes, Menendez exploited his position as chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to advance the interests of those who had enriched him. Additionally, Menendez sought to influence the nomination of a U.S. Attorney in New Jersey whom he believed would act in his favor, particularly in relation to a federal prosecution against one of his cohorts. Meanwhile, Nadine Menendez,

who played a central role in facilitating these corrupt dealings, is currently on trial. While she has described her husband's charges as a "witch hunt," given the overwhelming evidence presented in Bob Menendez's trial—much of which directly implicated her—it is likely that many of the same findings will be used in her prosecution.

Public trust in government is in an already incredibly fragile state. When sitting U.S. Senators prioritize personal gain over national interests, they do not merely betray their constituents—they undermine the very foundation of democracy. Had there been term limits, Bob Menendez may not have been in a position where he could use his office for personal enrichment at the expense of U.S. interests. The American people must demand better from those elected to serve them.



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