

U.S. Term Limits Responds to Trump Plan

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U.S. Term Limits (USTL), the leader in the movement to limit terms for politicians, releases the following statement on Donald Trump’s “Drain the Swamp” plan for congressional term limits:

“Yesterday, GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump endorsed a constitutional amendment for term limits on Congress. His specific plan calls for three House terms (six years), two Senate terms (12 years) and no longer limit.

These specifics are consistent with the amendment advocated by U.S. Term Limits.

First, it’s important to correct a misconception about the president’s role in enacting term limits. While term limits on Congress do require a constitutional amendment and the president does not have an official role in that process, the presidential pulpit can add critical momentum to this effort.

That’s why the term limits movement has concluded that a supportive president would be a game-changer for our issue.

The American people – Republicans and Democrats alike – are fed up with the broken system in Washington. Career politicians and special interests have teamed up to cheat the public out of the democracy they deserve. Congress has become the place where new and dynamic ideas go to die. We will work together with anyone who shares the vision of bringing term limits to Congress.

We invite all presidential candidates to join this movement to fix Washington by bringing career politicians home. So far, Donald Trump, Gary Johnson and Jill Stein have endorsed congressional term limits. Hillary Clinton hasn’t stated her position on the issue.

USTL President Philip Blumel commented “U.S. Term Limits does not endorse any candidate for any office, but we encourage every candidate to endorse term limits.”

TERM LIMITS FACTS

-Gallup polling shows that 75% of Americans back congressional term limits, including 82% of Republicans, 65% of Democrats and 79% of independents.

-The 1995 SCOTUS case *U.S. Term Limits v. Thornton* decided congressional term limits could only come by constitutional amendment.

-Citizens can bypass Congress to propose the amendment by passing resolutions through 34 state legislatures. This process creates an amendment-proposing convention of states. U.S. Term Limits introduced the Term Limits Convention strategy in 2016 to do just that, and has already passed in the Florida Legislature.

-Despite oft-cited myths, lobbyists and special interests are the primary opponents of term limits, with a long history of bankrolling campaigns to prevent, weaken or abolish term limits.

Jack Abramoff explains why lobbyists hate term limits: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QSFqaulSSyU>

Campaign Finance Data Shows Lobbyists Oppose Term Limits: <https://www.termlimits.org/myth-busting-101-lobbyists-love-term-limits/>