

Written Testimony in SUPPORT of- Senate Joint Resolution concerning -United States Constitution – Amendments Convention – Limitations on Federal Power

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

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Dear Committee Chair, the Honorable Senator Paul Pinsky, and EHEA Committee Members,

I represent more than 1500 Maryland veteran voters who signed the Convention of States Action petition.

According to recent polls, about 75% of voters support congressional term limits. The 22nd Amendment to the Constitution established presidential term limits, but no limits on the legislative and judicial branches.

Today in the 118th congress, fifteen US Congress members are currently serving tenures greater than 36 years. The longest serving Supreme Court Justice has been serving 30 years.

I am sure that you are aware that 65% of the US Senate and 40% of the Congress are over 65 years of age? Does this frighten you? It should!

According to NIH, serious cognitive impairment in humans progressively worsens after age 60. The chance of getting dementia increases 6% each year after age 65 according to Harvard health.

In addition, longer political tenures lead to stagnation, resistance to change, and obligation to special interests. We need to limit both senate and congressional tenure to 12 years (6 terms for Reps and two terms for Senators).

When it comes to term limits, Congress needs to police itself! Members of the Senate are we naïve enough to admit that the Congress will vote out its biggest gravy train. If we do not do this who will?

YOU are the catalyst to initiate it... to make it happen! Together we CAN make this happen!

Please support SJ8 and vote it affirmative out of committee to the floor for a recorded up or down vote!

Thank you,



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