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U.S. Term Limits Blasts Proposed Amendment that Would Repeal Arizona Term Limits

January 13th, 2010, Fairfax, VA—U.S. Term Limits President Philip Blumel today urged the Arizona Legislature to reject a constitutional amendment that “would eliminate term limits in Arizona and extend the time in office for scores of elected officials.”

“State Senator Carolyn Allen has chosen to defy the will of Arizonans, who in 1992 voted to limit their legislators’ terms with 74 percent of the vote,” said Blumel.

[SCR 1007, a bill which would repeal term limits](#), has been introduced in Arizona. The sponsor is Carolyn Allen (R-Scottsdale). The amendment would require a 2/3 vote by each chamber of the legislature to make it to the ballot.

“It is obvious that Senator Allen cares more about keeping her power than answering to her constituents,” said Blumel, adding, “It’s the same old story: once legislators are term-limited, they decide to repeal term limits provisions. The motive is always the same.”

Allen has served a State Senator since 2003 and is currently in her final term.

Term limits were originally enacted in Arizona in 1992. The current law limits members from serving more than four consecutive two-year terms on the State House and four consecutive two-year terms on the State Senate, and took effect in 2000.

Republicans enjoy an 18 to 12 majority in the State Senate, with 7 Republicans and 4 Democrats in their final terms. The Republican majority in the House is 35 to 25 with 8 Republicans and 5 Democrats in their final terms.

“While Arizonans struggle to find jobs, Senator Allen is concerned about keeping hers for perpetuity,” Blumel said.

“Instead of focusing on their own job security, Arizona lawmakers should be more concerned about creating jobs in a state where unemployment is 8.9 percent,” Blumel explained, [citing the Bureau of Labor Statistics](#).

Blumel called upon Arizonans statewide to express their outrage to Allen “for introducing an amendment on the ballot that the people will undoubtedly resoundingly reject.”

Blumel said the initiative would be “a waste of time,” concluding, “Ballot initiatives are costly to taxpayer. And considering the overwhelming support for term limits in Arizona, any attempt to repeal them will most certainly fail. U.S. Term Limits will see to that.”

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