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U.S. Term Limits Condemns Rep. Gatschenberg for Proposing Amendment Weakening Term Limits from 8 to 16 years

January 13th, 2010, Fairfax, VA—U.S. Term Limits President Philip Blumel today condemned Rep. Chuck Gatschenberg (District 13) for proposing a constitutional amendment that would extend term limits for members of both houses from eight to sixteen years if approved by voters.

“Representative Gatschenberg is wasting the time and tax money of the Missourians with an amendment that simply cannot pass,” said Blumel.

“It is up to the State House to uphold the will of Missourians, who in 1992 voted to limit their legislators’ terms with some 75 percent of the vote,” Blumel added.

The constitutional amendment, [HJR 45](#), has not yet been referred to a committee. Blumel said it is up to House leaders to “make sure that does not happen.”

“The people of Missouri overwhelmingly support term limits, and members desperate to keep their seats know that their efforts will fail. Instead, all this will do is simply waste taxpayer resources on a costly ballot measure during stressful economic times,” Blumel declared.

The current law places four two-year terms on the State House and two four-year terms on the State Senate, and took effect in 2002.

Blumel also called upon residents to express their support for term limits to their [individual representatives](#). “Missourians need to remind their representatives that they still support term limits, and that they want citizen legislators, not career politicians,” Blumel said.

“Naturally, the politicians want to keep their power by extending their terms of office indefinitely, and the people of Missouri need to stand their ground say, ‘No,’” Blumel added.

“With unemployment in Missouri at 9.5 percent,” Blumel said [citing the Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), “Representative Gatschenberg ought to be more concerned with creating jobs rather than preserving his own job security as an entrenched establishment politician.”

Blumel concluded, “Now is the time for Missouri politicians to get the message that once their time in office has been served, that’s it. It’s time to move on. Public office is not a jobs program.”

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