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U.S. Term Limits Condemns Michigan Senate Majority Leader Bishop for Introducing Bill that Would Repeal Term Limits

January 21st, 2009, Fairfax, VA—U.S. Term Limits President Philip Blumel today strongly criticized Michigan Senate Majority Leader Michael Bishop (R-12th District) for introducing legislation that would repeal term limits for the state legislature.

“Senate Majority Leader Bishop has chosen to defy the will of Michiganders, who according to recent polling favor term limits by 66 percent,” said Blumel.

“It is time for these politicians to get the message that once their time in office has been served, it is time to step aside,” he added.

Term limits were originally enacted in Michigan in 1992, with 59 percent of Michiganders voting in favor.

The current law places three two-year terms on the State House and two four-year terms on the State Senate, and took effect in 1998 and 2002, respectively.

“It is no coincidence that once many legislators currently serving are term-limited, that they decide to repeal or amend term limits provisions,” Blumel contended.

“We have seen this before, and regardless of political affiliation, the motive is always the same,” Blumel noted.

The bill, SJR A, has been referred to a committee, but not yet sent to the floor for a vote, although Blumel believes that step may be taken soon.

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Blumel called upon Michiganders statewide to express their support for term limits to the members of the legislature.

“The people of Michigan do not need to go through a wasteful ballot process that we already know the outcome of,” said Blumel.

“This process is a waste of taxpayer resources. Michiganders have time and again affirmed their support for term limits. And the only people interested in extending terms are those currently serving in office,” Blumel concluded.

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