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U.S. Term Limits Denounces Missouri Power Grab

February 1, 2012 – Fairfax, VA – U.S. Term Limits President Philip Blumel denounced HJR 41, an effort by state politicians who will have to leave office unless it passes to lengthen their tenure in Jefferson City to 24 years

“HJR 41 guts the current term limits in Missouri and would force voters to once again deal with an issue that was overwhelmingly decided years ago,” according to Blumel.

Currently, the Missouri state constitution limits state senators to serve two four-year terms in office and state representatives to four two-year terms. HJR 41 would allow these legislators to camp out in the Senate and House of Representatives for 24 years.

“Missouri voters passed the state constitutional amendment on term limits by an overwhelming 75% of the vote in 1992, and the limits went into effect in 2002. Now, some of the first generation of legislators who were elected after term limits went into effect are desperately trying to hang onto power by changing the law. If it weren’t such a brazen attempt, it would almost be sad to watch,” said Blumel.

While there have not been any recent state surveys in Missouri specifically on term limits, a national survey conducted by FoxNews and Public Opinion Dynamics last year showed that more than $\frac{3}{4}$ (77%) of registered voters supported term limits for Members of Congress, indicating that term limits remains one of the few public policy matters that transcends partisan politics.

U.S. Term Limits sent a letter to each member of the Missouri Legislature urging rejection of HJR 41.