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## **U.S. Term Limits Condemns Missouri Representative Kingery for Introducing Bill that Would Gut Term Limits**

January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009, Fairfax, VA—U.S. Term Limits President Philip Blumel today strongly Missouri Representative Gayle Kingery (R-Poplar Bluff) for introducing legislation that would gut term limits on the state legislature by allowing members of both state houses to serve up to 16 years.

“Representative Kingery has chosen to defy the will of Missourians, who in 1992 voted to enact term limits by 75 percent of the vote,” 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.

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.

“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, [HJR 13](#), has not yet been introduced to committee or brought to the floor, although Blumel believes that step may be taken soon.

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Blumel called upon Missourians statewide to express their outrage to [Representative Kingery](#), and their support for term limits to their [individual representatives](#).

“The people of Missouri 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. Missourians 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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